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RE Official information request CDHB 10313 and WCDHB 9428

We refer to your email dated 3 May 2020 to the Ministry of Health which they partially transferred to us on 18 May 2020 requesting the following information from Canterbury DHB and West Coast DHB under the Official Information Act. Specifically Question 1:

1. What percentage of NZ COV-19 deaths to date had Do Not Resuscitate orders?

We are declining your request pursuant to section 9(2)(a) of the Official Information Act i.e. “...protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons”. We do not believe the public interest in this matter outweighs patient confidentiality and privacy.

You may, under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act, seek a review of our decision to withhold information by the Ombudsman. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz; or Freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that this response, or an edited version of this response, may be published on the Canterbury DHB and West Coast DHB websites after your receipt of this response.

Yours sincerely



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