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### RE Official Information Act request CDHB 10147

I refer to your email dated 16 July requesting the following information under the Official Information Act from Canterbury DHB.

**Note:** The language used in this request referring to ‘refurbished theatre’ is not quite correct. It was a new build not a refurbishment. The refurbishment applied to the older Ashburton hospital wings – Block C.

#### 1. When was the newly refurbished operating theatre at Ashburton Hospital opened? (The Ashburton Hospital Redevelopment Project).

Practical Completion of the new Theatre was achieved on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2016. The first surgical list was carried out in February 2017.

#### 2. What was the final cost of the refurbishment project? What part of that budget was spent on the operating theatre?

The overall project cost (both Stages 1 & 2) was \$9.2M

The cost for Stage 1 which was the new Theatre and Acute Assessment Unit (AAU) was \$6.0M (estimating a split of consent fees and consultant fees.)

As the new Theatre was a combined project with the AAU there is not a separate figure for the Theatre only.

#### 3. How many surgeries / procedures was it designed to carry out?

The new theatre in Ashburton is able to be utilised for any day procedure and the volume of procedures that can be completed is dependent on the type of procedure. The facility is fully integrated with the Acute Assessment Unit, the recovery chairs from the theatre are also utilised as flow over for the presentations into AAU that require an extended length of time in the unit for monitoring. Planning for

new theatre utilisation incorporates the full demand for the integrated unit, as opposed to the independent planning for theatre alone.

**a. I would like a breakdown of how many, per year, since it was refurbished.**

2017	599 procedures completed
2018	666 procedures completed
2019	486 procedures completed at June 2019

**4. What was the purpose of the operating theatre?**

The core purpose of the new operating theatre is to provide surgical day procedures suited to a generalist hospital setting. Our Canterbury DHB model for integration ensures this facility operates under the principle of one service over multiple sites. This partnership ensures that clinical demand for specialist care within Canterbury DHB is managed as a single waitlist. Through this we are able to optimise the resource distribution of facility and surgical workforce. Patients from Ashburton, but also the wider geographic cohort of Canterbury DHB are able to be offered the opportunity for receiving the procedure at the Ashburton theatre facility if clinically appropriate for a generalist setting.

**5. How many surgeries / procedures have been carried out since then?**

This question is answered in Question 3a.

**6. What sort of surgeries / procedures were these?**

The day procedures completed in this facility incorporate endoscopy, both gastroscopy and colonoscopy, urology procedures and gynaecology procedures.

**7. Where are surgeons and staff for this sourced from? (e.g. are they local or brought in from another area?)**

All surgical staff are employed by the Canterbury DHB and deployed by the specialist service management team as part of their total service planning. The nursing and administration staff are locally based in Ashburton, but are trained and maintain clinical competence in partnership with the wider Canterbury DHB specialist service.

I trust that this satisfies your interest in this matter.

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

Yours sincerely



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