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RE Official Information Act request CDHB 10142

I refer to your email dated 8 July 2019 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act from Canterbury DHB regarding the Christchurch Mosque shootings in March 2019.

1. Was Christchurch Hospital subject to a lock down on 15 March 2019?

Yes, Christchurch Hospital was subject to a lock down on 15 March 2019.

2. How long was the hospital in lockdown?

The hospital was in lockdown for four hours and ten minutes.

3. How did lockdown affect hospital operations?

Whilst there were slight delays in patients cleared for discharge leaving the Hospital, Christchurch Hospital's ability to maintain services continued and was not impacted by the lock-down.

4. Were visitors (including staff) to the hospital declined access during this time?

Yes, visitors (including staff) to the Hospital were declined access during the time of the Christchurch Hospital lock down.

5. Were any other Canterbury DHB premises closed or subject to lockdown during this time?

Yes, all Canterbury DHB premises were closed or subject to lockdown.

6. How many patients were treated for injuries related to the mosque shootings on 15 March 2019?

There were 48 people admitted to Christchurch Hospital on 15 March who had been directly affected by the Mosque attacks, there have also been 81 people who presented after 15 March for issues relating to the Mosque attacks such as anxiety, chest pain, and mental health issues. Giving a total of 129 patients who have presented to Canterbury DHB for treatment.

7. How many hours of surgery time were spent treating people injured in the Christchurch mosque shootings?

For the patients who presented on 15 March there have been 94 operations with a total of 182.1 hours of anaesthetic time in theatre (measured by anaesthetic start to patient left theatre). For people arriving after 15 March there have been two surgeries with a total of 1.9 hours.

Note: This data is subject to change as potentially more people present or additional operations are required.

8. How have the mosque shootings impacted on hospital resourcing and wait lists - has there been an increase in waiting times for patients with conditions/ treatments/ operations unrelated to the mosque shootings?

Yes, there has been an increase in waiting times for patients with conditions/treatments/operations unrelated to the Mosque shootings.

Through mid-March 2019 Canterbury DHB was achieving its targets for elective surgery. Immediately following the 15 March event, Canterbury DHB fell behind in its elective service provision and as a result will not achieve its targets in the fiscal 2018/19 year. In late March, a valve burst in the Outpatients building flooding the building. This event also added to the increase in waiting times for some patients on top of the 15 March event

9. Has the hospital or DHB received any complaints about increased waiting times as a result of the mosque shootings?

The mosque attacks have been formally identified as a contributing factor in two complaints about increased waiting times. We do not hold information around concerns that may have been raised verbally, and dealt with by frontline staff, as they are not recorded in our system.

10. Have any DHB employees required counselling or treatment as a result of their dealings with people injured in the mosque shootings?

Yes.

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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