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RE Official Information Act request CDHB 9970

We refer to your email dated 16 October 2018, to Ministry of Health requesting information under the Official Information Act. The Ministry subsequently transferred the following questions to the Canterbury DHB on 5 November 2018. Specifically:

- Please provide in total the number of surgeons who were undertaking surgical mesh procedures in NZ for stress urinary procedures using surgical mesh, prior to the 8th October 2018 and before the letter sent out by Dr Bloomfield to all DHB's.**

There were a total of eight surgeons (five Gynaecology + three Urology) who were undertaking surgical mesh procedures at Canterbury DHB for stress urinary procedures using surgical mesh, prior to the 8th October 2018 and before the letter sent out by Dr Bloomfield to all DHBs.

- Please provide the total amount of surgeons whom will be able to continue to undertake removal/revision surgical mesh procedures in NZ after the 8th October 2018.**

Canterbury DHB does not currently have a credentialing process for *mesh removal surgery*. There have been no mesh removal surgeries undertaken by Gynaecology since 8th October 2018 however, Urology have undertaken mesh removal surgeries since 8 October 2018 and will continue to do so.

- Please provide the total amount of surgeons whom were undertaking removal/revision of surgical mesh in NZ prior to 8th October 2018.**

Prior to 8th October 2018 there were four surgeons (two Gynaecology + two Urology) undertaking removal/revision of surgical mesh at Canterbury DHB.

- Please provide a total list of surgeons, by name, whom will be able to implant surgical mesh for stress urinary incontinence procedures after the 8th October 2018.**

There is one Gynaecologist credentialed and two pending, and two Urologists credentialed and one pending able to *implant surgical mesh* for stress urinary incontinence procedures after 8th October 2018.

We have provided the number of surgeons but have withheld their names under Section 9(2)(a) of the Official Information Act i.e. to protect the privacy of natural persons, including those deceased.

- 8. Please provide a list of surgeons, by name, whom will be able to remove surgical mesh for stress urinary incontinence procedures. (major removal 2nd or subsequent adjustment as set out in credentialing expectations).**

See above.

We are declining to provide the surgeons by name under Section 9(2)(a) of the Official Information Act i.e. to protect the privacy of natural persons, including those deceased.

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

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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