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RE Official Information Act request CDHB 10256

I refer to your email dated 15 January 2020 to the Ministry of Health and partially transferred to us on 23 January 2020 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act from Canterbury DHB. Specifically: Question 3 regarding Electroconvulsive Therapy (ECT):

3. The Cost of ECT in the last five years broken down by year?

The data for the cost of Electroconvulsive Therapy (ECT) is not held in an easily retrievable data system. We are therefore declining to provide this information for five years, broken down by year, pursuant to section 18(f) of the Official Information Act i.e. "...to provide the information requested would require substantial collation and research".

However, we can tell you that the indicative national pricing per ECT treatment is \$2,359 for 2019/2020 based on Case Weight pricing. (Includes two outpatient appointments on average at \$345.00 per outpatient follow up).

And we can provide you with the Canterbury DHB ECT figures by total volume and Unique NHI by calendar year 2015 through 2019. Please refer to **Table one** (below).

Table one:

	Total Volume	Unique NHI
2015	882	69
2016	689	54
2017	793	65
2018	715	53
2019	843	63

I trust that this satisfies your interest in this matter.

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 website after your receipt of this response.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Carolyn Gullery', with a long, sweeping horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Carolyn Gullery
Executive Director
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