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9(2)(a)

### RE Official Information Act request CDHB 10215

I refer to your email, dated 7 October 2019, to the Ministry of Health and subsequently transferred to us on 30 October 2019 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act from Canterbury DHB.

**Under section 12 of the Official Information Act 1982 I request all communications including briefings, reports, memos, aide-memoirs, cabinet papers and texts regarding the following information:**

- **The email notification to DHB CEOs in the 9 measles outbreak regions notifying them of a measles outbreak on the dates and as described below in written parliamentary question 32819 (2019).**

The Canterbury DHB's Community and Public Health Division reported the measles outbreak in EpiSurv on Friday 22 February 2019 (creating an EpiSurv outbreak identifier). Immediately after the first outbreak response meeting, the Medical Officer of Health leading the response telephoned the Executive Director of Communications to advise her of the situation. She then verbally advised our Chief Executive Officer (CEO) on the same day.

Our Chief Medical Officer formally advised our CEO via email on Monday 25 February (see copy of email attached as **Appendix 1**). **Note:** we have redacted information under section 9(2)(a) of the Official Information Act to protect the privacy of an individual.

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](http://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



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**From:** Sue Nightingale

**Sent:** Monday, 25 February 2019 4:45 p.m.

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**Subject:** fyi, Measles case in hospital

Message from labs.

Just to let you know that we have a measles case – currently isolated but prior to being picked up was in AMAU so plenty of potential for spread. Also in hospital and OT three weeks ago when possibly infectious – unlikely but can't be sure. Public Health are involved for tracing – this is potentially a large scale exposure.

We also have a <sup>9(2)(a)</sup> with an equivocal vaccination history that has come down with a rash consistent with measles but hasn't been confirmed at this stage – it is thought that <sup>9(2)(a)</sup> didn't have contact with this individual (obviously <sup>9(2)(a)</sup> is not currently in the hospital).

Sue

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