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RE Official information request CDHB 10352

I refer to your email dated 6 May 2020 to the Ministry of Health and which they partially transferred to us (received 9 July 2020) requesting the following information under the Official Information Act from Canterbury DHB. Specifically questions 3 and 4 of your original request.

This request relates to the period 30 January 2020 (when Covid-19 became a public health emergency of international concern) and 30 April 2020.

3. Covid-19 hospitalisation numbers by Māori, non-Māori, Māori with lived experience of disability (tāngata whaikaha) and non-Māori with lived experience of disability.
4. Covid-19 mortality numbers by Māori, non-Māori, Māori with lived experience of disability (tāngata whaikaha) and non-Māori with lived experience of disability.

Table one: Hospitalisation of COVID-19 'Positive' Patients Canterbury DHB Hospitals.

	Total Patients	Ethnicity				Ethnicity Patients Deceased			
		European	Maori	Pacific Peoples	Other	European	Maori	Pacific Peoples	Other
Emergency Only	1	1	-	-	-	0	-	-	-
Inpatient - Medical Wards	8	4	-	3	1	0	-	0	0
Rosewood Transfer ²	10	9	1	-	-	6	1	-	-
Total	19	14	1	3	1	6	1	0	0

Notes:

¹ There were a further 1,029 ED attendances and 836 inpatient admissions (representing 1,168 distinct patients) that were suspected COVID but tested negative. There were also another 10 Rosewood residents transferred into a ward at Burwood Hospital who tested negative.

² The Rosewood residents were not 'hospitalised' but were cared for at a ward at Burwood with GP oversight.

³ There were another five deaths which occurred in the community. Four were of New Zealand / European ethnicity and one New Zealand European / Maori.

We do not code admissions data to a category that enables us to report individuals 'lived experience of disability', and are therefore declining this element of your request pursuant to section 18(g) of the Official Information Act i.e. "...we do not hold this information".

I trust 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 underline that extends to the right.

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