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RE Official information request CDHB 10333

I refer to your email dated 16 June 2020 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act from Canterbury DHB regarding outsourcing arrangement with the local private radiation provider for delivery of radiation treatment to public patients. Specifically:

- 1. Total number of treatment courses delivered by tumour type (or palliative if it was palliative intent) between 1 July 2018 and 30 May 2020 in the private provider on your behalf for public patients.**

Please refer to **Table One** below for the total number of treatment courses delivered by tumour type, by our private provider on behalf of public patients:

Table One

| Tumour Site | 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019 | 1 July 2019 to 31 May 2020 |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Breast | 21 | 15 |
| Prostate | 24 | 44 |
| Head and Neck | 1 | 6 |
| Oesophagus/Lung | 2 | 3 |
| Brain | 0 | 1 |
| Brain Metastases (all palliative) | 7 | 0 |
| Spinal Metastases (all palliative) | 3 | 5 |

- 2. Information on the cost to the tax payer; any or all of the price paid per treatment course delivered, the price per fraction or the total dollar amount paid for all the treatment courses included in your response to the question 1.**

Information on individual pricing is commercially sensitive and is withheld pursuant to section 9(2)(b)(ii) "...would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who is the subject of the information." We can however provide you with the approximate total cost of outsourcing radiation oncology services, which is \$800,000 in 2018/19 and \$1,100,000 in 2019/20 (YTD May).

3. The number of public patients who received their radiation oncology FSA in private provider on your behalf between 1 July 2018 and 30 May 2020.

22 patients received radiation oncology First Specialist Assessments (FSAs) as part of the outsourced services between 1 July 2018 and 30 May 2020.

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



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