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RE Official Information Act request CDHB 10126

I refer to your emails dated 24 May 2019 to Ministry of Health which they subsequently transferred to us on 18 June 2019 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act from Canterbury DHB.

1. Please advise how many Primary Health providers have had their Back to Back contract terminated by a Primary Health Organisation for failure to achieve Foundation Standards during the period January 2017 to the present day (24/5/2019).

There were no Primary Health providers who had their Back to Back contract terminated by a Primary Health Organisation for failure to achieve Foundation Standards during the period January 2017 to the present day (24/5/2019).

2. How many Primary Health providers had not achieved Foundation Standard certification by 1 July 2017?

- 31 Pegasus Health practices were not formally Foundation Standard certified prior to 1 July 2017. All but two Pegasus Health practices had been formally assessed by 1 July 2017 and were completing small levels of corrective requirements.
- Waitaha Primary Health had all practices assessed by 1 July 2017, with two still requiring remedial action.
- Christchurch PHO had all practices certified by 1 July 2017.

3. When did those Primary Health providers achieve Foundation Standard certification?

All but two of the 31 Pegasus Health practices were certified as achieving the Foundation Standard within four months of 1 July 2017.

Of the two remaining Pegasus Health practices, one was granted an extension of time due to earthquake disruption and now holds Foundation Certification. After further discussions with the second practice it opted to close.

The two Waitaha Primary Health practices who had outstanding remedial actions, completed these and were certified by 30 September 2017.

4. Do any Primary Health providers who are required to hold Foundation Standard Certification not currently hold that certification?

There are no Primary Health providers who are required to hold Foundation Standard Certification who do not currently hold that certification.

5. Did any Primary Health providers have Capitation Based Funding withdrawn as a result of not having achieved Foundation Standard by 1 July 2017?

There have been no Primary Health providers who have had Capitation Based Funding withdrawn as a result of not having achieved Foundation Standard by 1 July 2017.

6. Please supply the following information under the Official Information Act – memorandums, emails, letters, minutes of meetings etc. relating to the termination of such contracts.

No contracts were terminated.

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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