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RE Official Information Act request CDHB 10719

I refer to your email dated 16 September 2021 to the Ministry of Health which they subsequently transferred to us on 20 September requesting the following information under the Official Information Act from Canterbury DHB. Specifically:

I wish to know who is the person in charge of seeing that PMH is being reopened.

The Princess Margaret Hospital Campus (TPMH) has not officially closed, however any discussions regarding the future of the Campus would initially be between the Executive Management Team and the Canterbury DHB Board.

Health services continue to be provided by Canterbury DHB from the Princess Margaret Hospital campus. These include certain Specialist Mental Health services, Older Person's Health (OPH) community-based teams, and a Covid-19 vaccination centre, which is temporarily occupying a vacated section of the building. Canterbury DHB Transport Services also have a base at TPMH.

As these remaining services are transferred from TPMH, Canterbury DHB with Health NZ and the Ministry of Health will consider the future requirements for the site.

There is currently no intention for TPMH to be repurposed for any health-related use. Should TPMH be considered surplus to requirements, it will likely be disposed of in accordance with the statutory disposal process.

Note: Most of Older persons health, including all inpatient services, was migrated from TPMH to the new Burwood Hospital campus in 2016. The specialist mental health services that remain at TPMH will similarly be migrated to new, purpose-built facilities on the Hillmorton campus once construction is completed (*late 2022 and in the first half of 2023*). Plans are being developed for remaining older person's services to be relocated to coincide with other service movements.

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

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

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