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RE Official Information Act request CDHB 10683

I refer to your email dated 9 August 2021 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act from Canterbury DHB, being a follow up request following our response to OIA CDHB 10676. Specifically:

Can I please ask for any correspondence, both internal and external, since 2020 and regarding any inspections of aged care facilities carried out in relation to OPCAT, and any documentation or reports related to any such inspections.

As we advised you in our response to OIA CDHB 10676 “We did not receive any reports in relation to the OPCAT inspections”.

On 17 February 2020 our Older Persons Health Team sent out the following message to all ARC via Eldernet:

The Project Manager Health of Older People Programme at TAS advises the following with regards to the implementation of the Inspections Programme:

We had a meeting with the Ombudsman’s communications staff, to discuss how their inspections programme planning is going, and how to keep DHBs informed about the progress. They have just hired someone to begin developing the details of the inspections programme.”

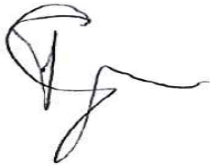
Canterbury DHB did not receive any further information. The Ombudsman’s Office conducted their inspections completely independently of the DHB. We were not advised which facilities were inspected, when or the outcomes.

We are therefore declining your request pursuant to section 18(g) of the Official Information Act i.e. “...the information requested is not held by the Canterbury DHB”.
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

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

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