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RE Official information Act request CDHB 10556

I refer to your email dated 27 February 2021 to the Ministry of Health which they partially transferred to us on 9 March 2021 and the 22 March 2021 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act from West Coast DHB. Specifically:

- 1. Please confirm how many of the DHBs have a marae accessible to Maori inpatients in your DHB psychiatric units.**

We do not have a marae on the hospital site. However, all marae within Ōtautahi / Canterbury are accessible to Specialist Mental Health Service Māori inpatients with support of Māori Mental Health Workers (Pukenga Atawhai) or other Māori staff.

- 2. Please advise in exact terms the measures each DHB uses to ensure the Tino Rangatiratanga of Maori Inpatients in Psychiatric Inpatient Units.? Clarified as: "only relates to Maori subject to the Mental Health Act 1992".**

By its nature the Mental Health Act restricts Tino Rangatiratanga for Māori mental health inpatients (Tangata whaiora) who are subject to the Mental Health Act 1992. However to balance this there are rights imbedded in the Mental Health Act - [Your rights under the Mental Health \(Compulsory Assessment and Treatment\) Act 1992](#) and the Health and Disability Act [Code of Rights](#).

The measures that we use to ensure Tino Rangatiratanga for Māori mental health inpatients (Tangata whaiora) subject to the Mental Health Act 1992 include:

- Assisting Tangata whaiora to understand, be confident and competent throughout the care journey.
- Pukenga Atawhai provide cultural support to Tangata whaiora.
- Inviting whānau to participate in and engage with the care journey

I trust 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 blue ink, appearing to read "R La Salle". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "R".

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