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### RE Official Information Act request CDHB 10156

I refer to your email dated 23 July 2019 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act from Canterbury DHB.

- **The number of interpreting hours contracted to New Zealand Sign Language (NZSL) interpreters/interpreting agencies during the period 1 Jan 2018 – 31 December 2018.**

Canterbury DHB Interpreter Service do not use the services of New Zealand Sign Language (NZSL). The DHB has contracts with ten deaf interpreters who were used 362 times in 2018. We are unable to provide the number of hours as they vary from one appointment to another.

We are unaware if any of these deaf interpreters also contracted their services to NZSL.

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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