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RE Official Information Act request CDHB 10072

I refer to your email dated 2 April 2019 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act from Canterbury DHB related to the burst pipe and flooding incident at the Christchurch Hospital Outpatients building on Friday 29 March 2019. Specifically:

- 1. Correspondence between the CDHB and Leighs Construction staff about the incident, including any discussion about liability and repair costs.**
- 2. Correspondence between the Ministry of Health and the CDHB about the incidence, including any discussion about liability and repair costs.**
- 3. Internal CDHB correspondence about the failure.**
- 4. Any reviews or incident reporting related to the failure.**

For the correspondence, please provide any information from Friday 29 March to April 2.

You have asked for correspondence between Friday 29 March 2019 and Tuesday 2 April 2019. There is no relevant correspondence during that date range.

However, we can respond to your questions as follows:

1. The Ministry of Health had arranged contract works insurance and the Ministry of Health, Canterbury DHB and Leighs Contractors (and their sub-contractors) continue to work closely together to fix the building services and remediate damage to return the Outpatients facility to full operations as soon as possible.
2. The Outpatients facility was handed over from Ministry of Health to Canterbury DHB in October 2018. Canterbury DHB is taking the lead alongside its insurers and contractors to fix the building services and remediate the damage caused to its Outpatients facility.
3. Canterbury DHB has undertaken preliminary assessments as to what caused the damage. These assessments indicate the damage resulting from a potentially defective part within the plant room. The cause, and any question of liability, are subject to on-going investigation and Canterbury DHB does not want to speculate until those investigations have concluded.

4. The insurance loss adjusters are undertaking a root-cause analysis. Canterbury DHB is also undertaking its own investigation. On the basis that insurance will respond to the loss, it is for the insurance loss adjusters to consider issues of liability.

I trust that this satisfies your interest in this matter.

Please note that this response, or an edited version of it, 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 'Carolyn Gullery', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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