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RE Official Information Act request CDHB 10676

I refer to your email dated 2 August 2021 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act from Canterbury DHB. Specifically:

Since 2020, copies of any reports received or held by the DHB that were completed in relation to OPCAT (the United Nations Optional Protocol to the Convention Against Torture) inspections of secure aged care facilities, and copies of any response to these reports.

If helpful, this OIA has been lodged in regard to the Ombudsman's report on Covid-19 OPCAT inspections of some aged care facilities between 17 April and 8 May 2020, with inspections of facilities in Canterbury District Health Board regions:

<https://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz/sites/default/files/2020-08/Report%20on%20inspections%20of%20aged%20care%20facilities%20under%20the%20Crimes%20of%20Torture%20Act%201989%20082020.pdf>

My request is intended to capture any report the DHB received in relation to this inspection, and any response it made.

The Canterbury DHB did not receive any reports in relation to the above inspections. We are therefore declining your request pursuant to section 18(e) of the Official Information Act i.e. "...the information requested does not exist".

You may, under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act, seek a review of our response 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



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