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RE Official information request CDHB 10477

I refer to your email to the Ministry of Business, Innovation & Employment dated 28 August 2020, which they subsequently partially transferred to us on 9 November 2020, requesting the following information under the Official Information Act from Canterbury DHB. Specifically questions 2 and 3 as below:

- 2. The number of staff at managed isolation or quarantine facilities (hereafter MIQs) investigated for alleged misconduct, broken down by date, managed isolation facility, the nature of misconduct, whether the misconduct was upheld, any disciplinary action taken, and the nature of the staff member (e.g. NZDF staff member, private security guard etc). For example, a table row in the response would take the following format: 28/8/2020 | Rydges Hotel | falling asleep at post | upheld | formal warning | private security guard.**

There have been two instances where the Canterbury DHB has investigated allegations of misconduct in regard to staff members at our Managed Isolation and Quarantine facilities. In both instances the allegation was sleeping on shift, and in both instances the allegations were not upheld and no further action was taken.

Due to the limited numbers of instances, the Canterbury DHB is withholding further detail regarding the allegations of misconduct in order to protect the privacy of the persons involved. We are therefore declining this part of the request in accordance with 9(2)(a) of the Official Information Act, i.e. to *“protect the privacy of natural persons...”*

- 3. An overview of instances where staff at MIQs were investigated for alleged personal impropriety with guests (returnees), broken down by date, managed isolation facility, the nature of misconduct, whether the misconduct was upheld, any disciplinary action taken, and the nature of the staff member (e.g. NZDF staff member, private security guard etc). For example, a table row in the response would take the following format: 28/8/2020 | Rydges Hotel | inappropriate physical and emotional relationship with guest (returnee) | upheld | employment terminated | private security guard.**

The Canterbury DHB has not investigated any allegations of personal impropriety between staff and guests at our Managed Isolation and Quarantine facilities.

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.

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.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'R La Salle'.

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