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RE Official Information Act request CDHB 10659

I refer to your email dated 8 July 2021 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act from Canterbury DHB and clarified as set out below. Specifically:

- **The number of patients from Christchurch Men's Prison who were admitted to Hillmorton Hospital and discharged in 2016 and 2017?**

While we do not hold a record of how many individuals have been admitted specifically from Christchurch Men's Prison during this period, we are able to provide a figure for the number of men who have been admitted under section 45 of the Mental Health Act to one of our Forensic Mental Health Units and discharged in 2016 and 2017.

There were 16 individuals who met this criteria. Most, if not all, are likely to have been admitted from Christchurch Men's Prison.

Note: We do not hold information on 'discharge destination'. (Declined pursuant to section 18(g) of the Official Information Act.)

I trust that this satisfies your interest in this matter.

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.

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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