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**RE Official information request CDHB 10806**

I refer to your email dated 10 December 2021 to the Ministry of Health which they subsequently transferred to us on 27 January 2022 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act from Canterbury DHB. Specifically: Covid-19 hospitalisation data.

1. I've heard there are a few patients that have been hospitalised for more than month.
  - a. How many patients have there been? How long have they each stayed in hospital? How many have had to go into ICU and how long have they each stayed there (as part of their total time in hospital)? And were they on a ventilator when in ICU? And how many of these patients were vaccinated when they presented at hospital? If there are any other details that can be provided too (eg. age, ethnicity, sex) that would be appreciated."

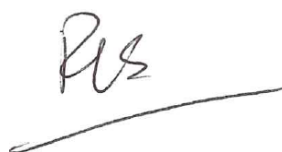
Since the beginning of the pandemic in March 2020 (and as at 2 February 2022) there have been 17 people admitted to Christchurch Hospital for Covid treatment (*20 admissions*). None of these patients have stayed over 30 days, and no one required treatment in ICU. The maximum length of stay has been eight days and the average is two.

Because of the very small numbers we are declining to break this information down any further pursuant to section 9(2)(a) of the Official Information Act to protect the privacy of our patients.

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](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz); or Freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely



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