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RE Official Information Act request CDHB 10813

I refer to your email dated 4 February 2022 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act from Canterbury DHB. Specifically:

1. Do you have a carbon neutral plan by 2025, and if so, what is the official wording of it?

Canterbury DHB has been measuring its emissions for several years and have shown a significant reduction from baseline. We are aware of the requirements of the Carbon Neutral Government Programme and although we have taken major steps towards achieving it we have not yet documented a formal plan.

2. Do you have a carbon neutral team or committee?

Canterbury and West Coast DHB have a Transalpine Environmental Sustainability Governance Group which is developing an Environmental Sustainability operational policy and a five year implementation strategy.

a. If so, how many are in this team, and are they trained/experts?

The committee is chaired by a member of the Executive Management Team and has a number of representatives from all parts of the DHB

3. How much carbon do you emit/how are your carbon emissions measured?

Canterbury DHB has had Toitū Carbon reduce certification since 2015 with publicly available information on the Toitū web site 2019-20 emissions 31678 tCO₂e. 2020-21 is yet to be audited. www.toitu.co.nz;
<https://www.toitu.co.nz/our-members/certification-levels>

4. If coal is still in use at your facilities, when do you plan to phase it out?

Coal is still used as Christchurch and Ashburton hospitals, but we have projects under way to replace this equipment.

5. Have you transitioned to EVs and or/hybrids? Have you begun to downsize your fleet size?

Canterbury DHB has a plan to commence transitioning those cars which are suitable to be EV from this year.

I trust that 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.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'RLS', with a long horizontal line extending to the right underneath it.

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