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RE Official Information Act request CDHB 10827 & WCDHB 9670

I refer to your email dated 28 January 2022 to the Ministry of Health which they subsequently transferred to us on 3 March 2022 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act from Canterbury DHB and West Coast DHB. Specifically:

I am enquiring regarding the data collection process that tracks availability of Rest Homes beds in New Zealand. I understand that the Department of Health and/or the District Health Boards contract an outsourced service to collate the daily availability of specific vacancies at all Rest Homes. As I understand it this status of availability is displayed solely on the website of Eldernet: <https://www.eldernet.co.nz/>

I am interested to understand the nature of this agreement for data collection, and the accessibility of the data in the public domain. I feel that such data, disseminated widely through various platforms would be of great benefit to the public in seeking immediate access to rest homes based on the needs assessment on their own behalf or on behalf of a relative.

Following consultation with Eldernet we are declining your request for information pursuant to section 9(2)(b)(i)(ii) of the Official Information Act i.e.

9(2)(b) *To protect information where the making available of the information -*

- (i) *Would disclose a trade secret; or*
- (ii) *Would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information.*

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 and West Coast DHB websites after your receipt of this response.

Yours sincerely,

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