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RE Official Information Act request CDHB 10853

I refer to your email dated 7 April 2022 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act from Canterbury DHB. Specifically:

Would you please advise:

- 1. If you do provide services for people who stutter, would you please advise:**

Canterbury DHB does not provide services for children who stutter and does not provide services for adults with a developmental stutter.

We occasionally provide services for adults who have an acquired stutter/dysfluency due to an acquired neurological condition, e.g. stroke, Parkinson's Disease, which would typically be treated as part of their overall acquired communication difficulty.

- a. How many people who stutter that you have worked with in the last year including a breakdown of their ages and ethnicities.**

We do not hold this information in an easily retrievable electronic data system, we are therefore declining a response to this question pursuant to section 18(f) of the Official Information Act i.e. *"...the information cannot be made available without substantial collation or research."*

- b. The type of services that you provided e.g. individual speech therapy, group programmes**

For an adult who has an acquired stutter due to an acquired neurological condition, individual speech therapy would be provided as part of their overall acquired communication difficulty.

c. The number of sessions of individual speech therapy you provided in the last year

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d. The number of any other programmes etc that you offered and the number of participants in these programmes?

Nil

Please note there is information which is publicly available on our HealthInfo website regarding stuttering. www.healthinfo.org.nz

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

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

Ralph La Salle
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