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RE Official Information Act request CDHB 10114

I refer to your email dated 30 May 2019 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act from Canterbury DHB.

1. **Treasury's assessment of the 'high risk' project: Patient Information Care System (PICS)**
2. **All communications between Treasury, the Canterbury DHB and the Minister of Health or his office regarding the above 'high risk' project**

Under the Official Information Act 1982, we are declining to provide the Treasury Assessment (Gateway Review Report) from May 2018 on the South Island Patient Information Care System (SI PICS) under the following sections of the Official Information Act.

- Section 9(2)(ba)(i) – information from Gateway interviews is provided subject to an obligation of confidence. We consider that in terms of free provision of information and opinions by interviewees and by the review team, releasing this information could harm the effectiveness of future Gateway reviews. It is in the public interest that Gateway reviews continue to have this confidential nature.
- Section 9(2)(g)(i) - maintaining the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinion; as above, this would affect the willingness of Gateway interviewees and review teams to provide these opinions

The Canterbury DHB is not able to locate any communications between Treasury, the Canterbury DHB and the Minister of Health or his office regarding the SI PICS Project.

If you disagree with our decision to withhold information you may, under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act, seek a review of our decision from 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 'Carolyn Gullery', with a long, sweeping underline.

Carolyn Gullery

Executive Director

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