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RE Official Information Act request CDHB 10183

I refer to your email dated 19 September 2019 requesting information under the Official Information Act from Canterbury DHB regarding fiberoptic colonoscopies to Hepatic Flexure or to Caecum provided since 2010/2011. Specifically:

1. Number of fiberoptic colonoscopies to Hepatic Flexure or to Caecum provided in each of the financial years from 2010/11 to current date?
2. Number of fiberoptic colonoscopies to Hepatic Flexure or to Caecum provided as elective outpatient procedures in each of the financial years from 2010/11 to current date?
3. Number of fiberoptic colonoscopies to Hepatic Flexure or to Caecum provided as inpatient procedures in each of the financial years from 2010/11 to current date?
4. Number of fiberoptic colonoscopies to Hepatic Flexure or to Caecum provided by any contracted private provider, in each of the financial years from 2010/11 to current date?
5. Total Number of fiberoptic colonoscopies to Hepatic Flexure or to Caecum provided at each of your hospitals in each of the financial years from 2010/11 to current date?

Please refer to **Table one** (below) for our response to these questions.

Table One:

Scope Type	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19
1. Colonoscopies	3,755	3,930	4,227	4,303	4,727	4,608	5,153	5,144	6,079
2. Outpatients*	2,965	3,101	3,414	3,580	3,764	4,021	4,584	4,560	5,537
3. Inpatients**	790	829	813	723	963	587	569	584	542
4. Outsourced	0	15	120	131	234	19	347	528	1,026
5. CDHB performed	3,755	3,915	4,107	4,172	4,493	4,589	4,806	4,617	5,167

* Outpatients are all colonoscopies as it is not easy to identify scope area without substantial collation and research. We are therefore declining to provide this under section 18(f) of the Official Information Act.

** Inpatient are colonoscopies to hepatic flexure or to Caecum.

6. Current fte surgical and medical staff undertaking colonoscopy work both privately and publically?

The General Surgical contribution to 'colonoscopy' within the Canterbury DHB is 16 Senior Medical Officers (SMOs) (15.85 FTE).

We are unable to provide information on the private sector.

7. Are public fte medical and surgical staff paid to undertake colonoscopies in the DHB in a private capacity, if so how many colonoscopies have been performed in publically setting with private capacity for payment vs full public colonoscopies for each of your hospitals and list the years?

No publicly funded medical and surgical staff are paid to perform colonoscopies in the Canterbury DHB facilities in a private capacity.

8. Have any fte medical and surgical staff undertaking colonoscopies reduced their fte to undertake private practice from 2010 until the current date. If so provide an annual breakdown since 2010 until the current date?

We are unable to answer this question as we don't record the reason for medical and surgical staff reducing their working hours.

9. Have any one off payments been made to the Gastroenterology clinical director from 2010 until the current date. If so provide a breakdown of how much paid in each financial year since 2010/11 until the current date?

10. What is the salary for the Gastroenterology clinical director?

11. Total salary and non-salary components for the Gastroenterology clinical director for each year from 2010 until the current date.

We are declining to provide this information under section 9(2)(a) of the Official Information Act i.e. *"...to protect the privacy of natural persons, including those deceased"*.

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



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