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RE Official information request CDHB 10431

I refer to your email dated 23 September 2020 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act from Canterbury DHB. Specifically:

1. **How many colonoscopies were done by the CDHB last year?**
2. **Of those, how many were outsourced to private providers - and how many staff would this workload have required?**

In calendar year 2019 Canterbury DHB provided 6304 colonoscopies, of which 1288 were Outsourced and 300 were Outplaced.

In terms of staffing for outsourced work we have no oversight on external staffing provisions

3. **What was the cost of the outsourced procedures?**

We are declining to provide this information under section 9(2)(b(ii) of the Official Information Act i.e. "... would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information"

4. **How many CDHB staff are qualified to do colonoscopies?**

There are 14 qualified SMO Gastroenterologists and 16 qualified SMO General Surgeons who perform Colonoscopies on a regular basis at Canterbury DHB.

5. Any report on staffing requirements for endoscopy services post screening programme roll out

Table one: Staffing requirements for endoscopy services post screening programme roll out.

Position	FTE
Endoscopy Procedural Nurse	2.5 FTE
Clinical Nurse Lead (NBSP)	0.8 FTE
Specialty Clinical Nurse/s (NBSP)	0.8 FTE
Thrombotic Specialty Clinical Nurse	0.6 FTE
Polyp Triage	0.3 FTE
Medical Imaging Technician	0.01 FTE
Radiologist	0.04 FTE
Pathologist	1.0 FTE
Medical Technician	1.3 FTE
NBSP Clinical Lead	0.5 FTE
Project Manager	1.0 FTE

I trust 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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RE Official information request CDHB 10431

On 23 September 2020 you made a request for information relating to colonoscopy procedures, under the Official Information Act (OIA). Canterbury District Health Board provided responses to all the requests other than question 3 which was declined under section 9(2)(b)(ii) of the OIA.

Following your complaint to the Ombudsman (ref 539867) which we received on 19 May 2021, we have consulted further with the contracted provider, and have reviewed our earlier decision. We now respond to your question 3 as follows.

3. What was the cost of the outsourced procedures?

In 2019 the Colonoscopies were outsourced at a price of \$1153 totalling \$1,485,064 for 2019 calendar year. (GST exclusive)

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