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### RE Official information request CDHB 10540

I refer to your email dated 16 December 2020 and received in our office on 4 February 2021 as a transfer from Ministry of Health requesting the following information under the Official Information Act from Canterbury DHB. I note the Ministry of Health is also providing a response to your request. Specifically:

- **Incident reports of mental health incidents in MIQ facilities, advice to ministers on mental health in MIQ and learnings from mental health incidents in MIQ.**

Specialist Mental Health Services, including Alcohol and Drug Addiction (AOD), have provided support to a small number of guests while they were in MIQF and three guests were transferred to Specialist Mental Health Service inpatient care for the duration of their isolation period before being discharged into the community. We are declining to provide any further detail for these people pursuant to section 9(2)(a) of the Official Information Act i.e. “...to protect the privacy of natural persons, including those deceased.”

I also refer you to our response to Official Information Act response CDHB 10453 relating to ‘health and wellbeing issues for returnees requiring assessment/treatment by a clinician’. This response is available on the Canterbury DHB website.

<https://www.cdhb.health.nz/wp-content/uploads/2f71bea5-cdhd-10453-returnees-health-wellbeing-issues.pdf>

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](http://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 blue ink, appearing to read 'Melissa Macfarlane', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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