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RE Official Information Act request CDHB 10596 and WCDHB 9550

I refer to your email dated 28 April 2021 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act from Canterbury DHB and West Coast DHB regarding hospital pathology service contracts (past and present). Specifically:

1. **Present and previous contracts/tenders for hospital pathology services, including:**
 - **for each current contract:**
 - name of the contract (i.e., types of services being provided)
 - name of the organisation/company contracted to deliver the services,
 - contract start date and expected end (or renewal) date,
 - any options for extending the contract,
 - dollar value (per contract), and
 - **for each previous contract:**
 - name of the contract (i.e., types of services being provided)
 - name of the organisation/company contracted to deliver the services,
 - contract start date and end (or renewal) date,
 - dollar value (per contract).

Canterbury DHB:

Public tertiary hospital laboratory services are operated in house by the Canterbury DHB and there is no record of Canterbury DHB tendering for any hospital laboratory services since 2001.

West Coast DHB comments:

There is no record in the last 50 years of West Coast DHB ever tendering hospital laboratory services and operates this essential service in-house.

Neither Canterbury DHB or West Coast DHB have any intention currently, or into the future, to outsource a service that is essential to supporting our hospitals and wider healthcare system with a focus on equity and patient outcomes.

I trust that this satisfies your interest in this matter.

Please note that this response, or an edited version of this response, may be published on the Canterbury DHB website and West Coast DHB website after your receipt of this response.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "R La Salle".

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