28 November 2018

RE Official information request CDHB 9964

We refer to your email dated 30 October 2018 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act from Canterbury DHB.

1. How much was the CDHB funded per person for mental health services in 2017/18? Please also include the total funding amount.

In previous years notional funding for health areas was provided by the Ministry of Health, this information is no longer available.

2. How much did the CDHB spend on the provision of mental health services per person in 2017/18, and what is the total amount?

The Canterbury DHB spent $168.5M on mental health services in 2017/18 in total.

3. What is the shortfall? Where is the additional money coming from, and what is the total amount of funding ringfenced for mental health services?

As previous provision of notional mental health is no longer available we cannot answer this question, however, the amount of ringfenced funding included in the 2017/18 budget was $161.3M.

4. What is the total population for 2017/18 on which the funding was predicated?

Total population for Canterbury as reported in the 2017/18 annual plan was 558,830.
5. Per capita, how does the CDHB compare to other DHBs in terms of funding for mental health services? Is it 19th out of 20?

As per question one, this information is no longer available, we are therefore unable to undertake or provide a comparison to other DHBs.

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 after your receipt of this response.

Yours sincerely

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