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RE Official Information Act request CDHB 10687

I refer to your email dated 16 August 2021 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act from Canterbury DHB, being a follow up request to our response to CDHB 10639. Specifically:

1. **In the post-earthquake environment in Canterbury, the Charity Hospital offered its services to the CDHB, an offer that was declined.**
 - a. **Would you please provide copies of CDHB minutes or extracts from those minutes at which this offer/s was discussed both internally and with Charity Hospital representatives and the specific reason/s why the offer/s were declined?**

We spent an extensive amount of time searching for, collating and providing you with a substantial amount of information for our response to CDHB 10639 covering the time frame since 2008. We did meet, as indicated in some of the emails provided, but this was a visit of site, and discussion around what Charity Hospital had to offer. There were no minutes from this.

Offers of assistance would be discussed as they arose, and a decision made as to whether it was appropriate/advisable/feasible to accept. The Canterbury DHB and Charity Hospital have a collegial relationship and continue to work together collaboratively.

2. **Is it the policy of the CDHB to discourage staff from volunteering at the Charity Hospital, instead preferring that they undertake contract work at private fee-charging hospitals? If so, would you please provide me with copies of documents which contain that policy.**
 - a. **Is it instead the policy of the CDHB to encourage staff to volunteer at the Charity Hospital and if so on what conditions? Would you please provide me with copies of documents which contain this information?**

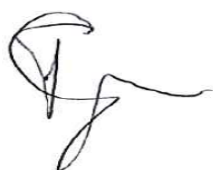
The Canterbury DHB do not have a policy in place regarding staff volunteering at the Charity Hospital. It is completely up to the discretion of staff if they wish to 'volunteer' their time to Charity Hospital, outside of their CDHB duties.

Canterbury DHB staff who give of their time to the Charity Hospital include nursing, allied and technical and administration staff as well as medical staff.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tracey Maisey', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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