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RE Official Information Act request CDHB 9961 and WCDHB 9229

We refer to your email dated 26 October 2018 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act from Canterbury DHB and West Coast DHB.

- **Data on how many people have sought help for video gaming addiction / gaming disorder (as defined by the World Health Organisation) during the last five years broken down by year, patients age, how many were accepted for treatment and how many declined/referred to other providers, and average wait time for treatment of those who were accepted.**
- **Information about best practice/guidelines for treatment of video gaming addiction / gaming disorder (as defined by the World Health Organisation)**

Whilst the Canterbury DHB and West Coast DHB provide a range of alcohol and other drug addiction services, neither DHB currently provides services for people with video gaming addiction / gaming disorder. We hold no information on the number of people who have sought help for video gaming addiction/gaming disorder during the last five years, consequently we are declining your request under section 18(g) of the Official Information Act i.e. *"…the information requested is not held by either Canterbury DHB or West Coast DHB.*

If you disagree with our decision to withhold information you may, under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act, seek an investigation and review of our decision from 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 and West Coast DHB websites after your receipt of this response.

Yours sincerely

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