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RE Official information request CDHB 9990

We refer to your email dated 3 December 2018 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act from Canterbury DHB.

1. **The number of patients who have been treated at a mental health facility in the DHB while under the influence of Methamphetamine in the past five years**
2. **The number of patients who have been treated at a mental health facility in the DHB while under the influence of Synthetic Cannabis in the past five years**

We are unable to provide a response to questions one and two as this information is not routinely collected in a format that is able to be easily extracted. To provide this information we would have to review individual patient files which would take a substantial amount of time and resource. We are therefore declining a response to these questions under section 18(f) of the Official Information Act.

3. **How many seclusion rooms are there at mental health facilities in the DHB**

There is one seclusion room on the Princess Margaret site and eight on the Hillmorton site.

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.

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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