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RE Official information request CDHB 9932

We refer to your email dated 31 August 2018 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act from Canterbury DHB.

- I would like to know if any of the facilities in your network utilize Clozapine treatment, and if so,
- What manufacturer is it purchased from?

Any other relevant information would be very helpful, but I understand if it is not readily available to you.

Clozapine is used by the Canterbury DHB Specialist Mental Health Services, Older Persons Health Service and their respective Community Teams. It is also prescribed by a small number of general practitioners in the community for some of their patients.

The brand of clozapine prescribed in Canterbury is Clozaril, now distributed by Mylan Pharmaceuticals (previously by Novartis Pharmaceuticals). The Government's pharmaceutical management agency, PHARMAC, manages the funding of this and all other pharmaceutical treatments on behalf of all district health boards in New Zealand.

<https://www.pharmac.govt.nz/about/your-guide-to-pharmac/factsheet-01-introduction-to-pharmac/>

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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