

19 August 2022

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**RE Official information request ChChD 10936**

I refer to your email dated 3 August 2022 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act from Waitaha Canterbury. Specifically:

- 1. ALL official policies, guidelines, procedures, memos, or other relevant documentation (I'm not sure what technical terms you use for official process) regarding drug screens and ADHD meds used by CDHB psychiatrists when determining whether to grant special authority for controlled ADHD medications.**

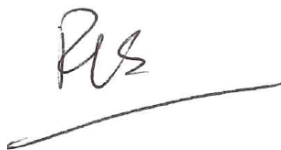
There are no Waitaha Canterbury (Canterbury DHB) documents that specifically relate to granting special authority for controlled ADHD medication. Clinicians follow best practice guidelines provided by professional bodies such as the Royal Australian and NZ College of Psychiatrists (RANZCP) and the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence. Please refer to these resources if you are looking for information on treatment of ADHD.

We are therefore declining your request pursuant to section 18(g) of the Official Information Act i.e. we do not hold this information.

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 Waitaha Canterbury website after your receipt of this response.

Ngā mihi / Yours sincerely,



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