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### RE Official information request CDHB 10486

I refer to your email dated 18 November requesting the following information under the Official Information Act from Canterbury DHB. Specifically

1. **How many non-Maori are currently on a waitlist for psychological intervention with a psychologist?**

We do not hold this information in an easily retrievable electronic system. Patients are referred to a multidisciplinary team for assessment and treatment planning. Once treatment goals are identified, the person is allocated to the clinician within the team who is best placed to meet these treatment goals. This may include a psychologist. We are therefore declining a response to the specific detail of this question pursuant to section 18(g) of the Official Information Act i.e. *"...we do not hold this information"*.

2. **If Maori specific mental health services exist within the DHB MHAS:**
  - a. **What are the criteria for acceptance into these services?**
  - b. **How many referrals were made to these services between 1 July, 2019 and 30 June, 2020? Please provide numbers of referrals for each service where there is more than one service.**
  - c. **What psychiatric diagnoses did these people present with?**
  - d. **How many referrals were accepted by these services in the absence of a psychiatric diagnosis? Please provide numbers of referrals for each service.**
  - e. **How many of these referrals were declined?**
    - i. **What were the three most common reasons for a referral being declined?**

Te Korowai Atawhai does not sit as a standalone service within Specialist Mental Health. Pukenga Atawhai are based and work within all clinical areas, supporting (whenever possible) all Tangata Whaiora who identify as Maori, and their Whānau in the areas of assessment, cultural assessment, treatment planning and supporting implementation of the Mental Health Act.

You may, under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act, seek a review of our decision to withhold information by the Ombudsman. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://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 website after your receipt of this response.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'R La Salle'.

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