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**RE Official information request CDHB 10023**

I refer to your email dated 26 January 2019, (received 28 January 2019) requesting the following information under the Official Information Act from Canterbury DHB regarding:

- **Recorded cases of organ failure; brain damage; and death related to heat-stroke and/or sun-stroke by the DHB in the calendar years (January 1 to December 31) in 2014, 15, 16, 17 and 2018, broken down by year and type of injury.**

Over the past five years there have been eight people discharged from our hospital facility care with a coding including Heatstroke/Sunstroke. On three occasions acute kidney failure was diagnosed and treated. (One had a pre-existing kidney condition). Other complications listed were dehydration, gastroenteritis and constipation.

There were no deaths.

As there were only eight individuals identified over the past five years the numbers have been aggregated to protect the privacy of individuals under section 9(2)(a) of the Official Information Act.

I trust that this satisfies your interest in this matter.

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](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz); or Free phone 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



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