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RE Official information request CDHB 10337

I refer to your email dated 22 June 2020 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act from the Canterbury DHB regarding the recently announced \$18m fund for community pharmacy, notably those deemed "critical" or supplying "critical services". Specifically:

1. **What quantum of the fund is designated to CDHB**
2. **What % of the total fund that represents**
3. **What current policies or guidelines exist within CDHB to determine distribution**
4. **What reporting of any distribution will occur**
5. **Identify which pharmacies are on the 365-pharmacy list and**
6. **Which pharmacies on that list exist within the CDHB boundaries.**

We are declining your request pursuant to section 18(d) of the Official Information Act i.e. "*.... that the information requested is, or soon will be, publicly available.*"

All DHBs will very soon be publicly releasing information about how this fund will work, including the kinds of pharmacies considered critical for community access, and on what terms such support will be made available. This information will also be forwarded to all pharmacies by email.

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; 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



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