

# Canterbury

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### RE Official information request CDHB 9991

We refer to your email dated 3 December 2018 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act from Canterbury DHB.

#### Written documents, reports, memos, letters, notes and emails - specifically relating to the:

1. Number and location of PET and PET-CT scanning machines within Canterbury DHB
2. Current working condition of each machine - for example in need of upgrade/refurbishment, or broken
3. Timeline and anticipated cost for the repair or replacement of PET or PET-CT machines which are broken or need an upgrade/refurbishment.

Canterbury DHB does not own or operate any PET and PET-CT scanners. PET-CT services for Canterbury DHB patients are provided by the Pacific Radiology Group (PRG). PRG has a PET-CT scanner located at Southern Cross Hospital, Christchurch. PRG advises that no major repair or replacements are planned or required.

4. Current patient waiting times for PET and PET-CT scans, broken down by reason for scan (ie breast cancer detection)

As of 17 January 2019 Canterbury DHB had six patients waiting for a PET-CT scan:

Lung - 3

Lymphoma - 1

Head & Neck - 1

Sarcoidosis - 1

Five of these will be scanned in the next week; one will be scanned at a later date as requested by the Referrer.

**5. Forecast waiting times for scans over the next six months**

PRG advises that there are no expected changes to waiting times in the next 6 months.

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Melissa Macfarlane', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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