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**RE Official Information Act request CDHB 10685**

I refer to your email dated 25 July 2021 to the Ministry of Health which they partially transferred to us on 13 August 2021 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act from Canterbury DHB. Specifically:

- ***All of the Valentia system security reviews and booking system reviews supplied by DHBs to the Ministry.***

We are declining your request for the Security Review Report for Canterbury DHB pursuant to the following sections of the Official Information Act.

Official Information Act Section 6 (c): Releasing this information would be likely to prejudice the maintenance of the law, including the prevention, investigation and detection of offences.

Section 9 (2) (c): the withholding of this information is necessary to avoid prejudice to measures protecting the health or safety of members of the public; and

Section 9 (2) (e): the withholding of this information is necessary to avoid prejudice to measures that prevent or mitigate material loss to members of the public

Section 9 (2) (k): the withholding of the information is necessary to prevent the use of information for improper gain or advantage.

The public interest in disclosing the information requested does not outweigh these needs to withhold the information.

District Health Boards are committed to the prevention, detection and investigation of cyber/IT security threats.


Our protections include limiting the information about cyber/IT security activities that we make public, as this could increase the chance of attacks in the future.

On behalf of the community, it is very important that we protect information about our cyber/IT security strategies and methods as much as possible to ensure criminals do not use that information to hinder or bypass our security controls.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman about this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or 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 black ink, appearing to be 'Tracey Maisey', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Tracey Maisey  
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