RE Official Information Act request CDHB 10153

I refer to your email dated 22 July 2019 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act from Canterbury DHB.

Pursuant to the Substance Addiction (Compulsory Assessment and Treatment) Act 2017 (SA(CAT) Act) patients can be made subject to a compulsory treatment order. Pursuant to the OIA, can you please tell me?

1. How many patients have been placed into Nova Star (in Christchurch) for the purposes of treatment under this Act since the Act came into force,

There have been 31 admissions to Nova Star under the SA(CAT) Act. This number includes one person who has been admitted twice and another person whose SA(CAT)Act status lapsed while an inpatient in Nova Star and the SA(CAT)Act was restarted under the same admission.

2. Of those patients, in how many cases did the Canterbury DHB make an application to the Family Court for an extension of the compulsory treatment order pursuant to 46 of the Act?

There have been 21 applications made to the Court for an extension of the compulsory treatment order under Section 46 of the Act.

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

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