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RE Official information request CDHB 10389

I refer to your email dated 17 August 2020 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act from Canterbury DHB. Specifically:

1. Please provide the resignation letter of Sue Nightingale - Medical officer of health

We are declining to provide a copy of the resignation letter of Sue Nightingale pursuant to section 9(2)(a) of the Official Information Act i.e. "...to protect the privacy of natural persons, including those deceased. We are providing you with the information sent out to staff – please find attached as **Appendix 1**.

2. Please provide any other correspondence between Sue Nightingale and David Meates about the resignation in the period - July 27-August 14

Sue Nightingale hand delivered her resignation to David Meates. There is no correspondence.

3. Please provide all correspondence between David Meates and Sir John Hansen regarding the resignation of Sue Nightingale.

Please find attached as **Appendix 2** (attached) the correspondence between David Meates and Sir John Hansen regarding the resignation of Sue Nightingale.

I trust this satisfies your interest in this matter.

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'R La Salle', is positioned above the printed name.

Ralph La Salle
Acting Executive Director
Planning, Funding & Decision Support

Kathleen Smitheram

Subject: FW: Resignation of Sue Nightingale, Chief Medical Officer, Canterbury DHB

From: Karalyn van Deursen **On Behalf Of** Internal Email

Sent: Friday, 14 August 2020 5:13 PM

To: Internal Email <Internal.Email@cdhb.health.nz>

Subject: Resignation of Sue Nightingale, Chief Medical Officer, Canterbury DHB

Sent on behalf of David Meates, Chief Executive Officer, Canterbury DHB

Kia ora koutou

It is with regret I advise that Sue Nightingale has resigned from her role as Chief Medical Officer at Canterbury DHB. Sue will continue to work through until the 18th December 2020 reflecting her critical role as the Executive lead for Service Continuity and lead for the COVID-19 response.

Sue joined the executive team in September 2016 after six years as Chief of Psychiatry at our Specialist Mental Health service.

In her time as Chief Medical Officer Sue has championed clinical ethics, equity, clinical governance, quality improvement and putting people receiving treatment and care at the heart of all we do.

Ensuring the consumer voice is heard and improving the consumer experience of health care are behind Sue's passion to continue to do the right thing and make it better for patients.

Under Sue's watch the Clinical Leaders Group has found its voice and had invaluable input into our facilities development programme and they have worked collaboratively across the system to develop and improve patient-centric models of care. Sue chairs the Clinical Board, is involved with the Canterbury Clinical Network and works closely with the Canterbury Primary Response Group.

Sustainability and ensuring decisions on medical supply purchasing are clinically-led and represent value for money are other areas of responsibility for Sue. She has also worked tirelessly to advocate for the interests of all medical staff.

Sue's leadership has seen her involved in a number of national programmes of work.

On behalf of the Board and EMT, I acknowledge Sue's tremendous contribution to the Canterbury Health System.

Ngā mihi
David

David Meates, MNZM

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Kathleen Smitheram

Subject: RE: Sue Nightingale Resignation

From: David Meates
Sent: Friday, 14 August 2020 12:15 PM
To: John Hansen <John.Hansen@cdhb.health.nz>
Subject: Re: Sue Nightingale Resignation

Only problem is that it is already known in a number of areas with Sue having spoken to a number of colleagues. The importance of giving certainty that Sue is around to 20 December important to stabilise organisation.

David Meates MNZM
CEO Canterbury and West Coast DHBs

On 14/08/2020, at 11:50 AM, John Hansen <John.Hansen@cdhb.health.nz> wrote:

Given the announcement re Acting CE about to go out can it be held until Monday?

From: David Meates
Sent: Friday, 14 August 2020 10:37 AM
To: John Hansen <John.Hansen@cdhb.health.nz>
Subject: RE: Sue Nightingale Resignation

John

Detailed below is the proposed communication to the organisation. Sue has advised a number of her colleagues and the news is starting to get out. I would be looking to get a brief statement out later this morning to try and manage messaging including that Sue will be here until 20th December.

Resignation of Sue Nightingale – Chief Medical Officer Canterbury District Health Board

It is with regret I advise Sue Nightingales resignation from her position of Chief Medical Officer with the CDHB. Sue will continue to work through until the 20th December 2020 reflecting her critical role as the Executive lead for Service Continuity and lead for the COVID-19 response.

This will also provide the DHB the opportunity to undertake an appropriate process to find Sue's replacement.

On behalf of the Board and EMT, I acknowledge Sue's tremendous contribution to the Canterbury Health System.

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From: John Hansen

Sent: Friday, 14 August 2020 10:03 AM

To: David Meates <David.Meates@cdhb.health.nz>

Subject: RE: Sue Nightingale Resignation

David

I'd like to discuss any announcement of this with you.

John

From: David Meates

Sent: Thursday, 13 August 2020 6:23 PM

To: John Hansen <John.Hansen@cdhb.health.nz>

Subject: Sue Nightingale Resignation

John

I have just received Sue Nightingales resignation from her position of Chief Medical Officer with the CDHB. Being mindful of her responsibilities not only as CMO but as Executive Lead for Service Continuity and lead for the COVID-19 response, Sue has agreed to work through until 20th December 2020 to give the organisation time to find appropriate people to replace her in those roles.

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