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RE Official information request CDHB 10009

I refer to your letters dated 20 December 2018 and received after the Christmas period on 8 January 2019 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act from Canterbury DHB regarding:

- **How much funding does your District Health Board receive or allocate directly or through Primary Health Organisations for Brief Intervention Counselling (BIC initiatives?). Include all communications between you and your officials, staff and any other ministerial office or any government department as well as all advice, pre-meeting material, minutes, post meeting communications, reports, briefing notes, emails, texts, meeting notes, and summaries of telephone conversations which fall within the scope of my request.**

Canterbury Primary mental health and addiction services provided through the Primary Health Organisations (PHOs) are funded flexibly to allow the teams to be responsive to changing needs. The range of services includes:

- Brief intervention counselling
- Extended consults
- Support for people with more complex mental health and addiction issues

Current Canterbury DHB contracts (2018/2019) with the PHOs for primary mental health services total \$4,325,489. We are not able to separate out Brief Intervention Counselling (BICs) from this total.

To provide all communications would require substantial collation or research, we are therefore declining to do this under section 18(f) of the Official Information Act.

If you disagree with our decision to withhold information you may, under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act, seek an investigation and review of our decision from the Ombudsman.

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 black ink, appearing to read 'Carolyn Gullery', with a long, sweeping underline.

Carolyn Gullery
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