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### RE Official information Act request CDHB 10560 & WCDHB 9533

I refer to your email dated 5 March 2021 to the Department of Internal Affairs which they have partially transferred to us on 11 March 2021 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act from Canterbury DHB and West Coast DHB regarding, Vulnerable persons register observing family's trauma without contact pre or post suicide for data. Specifically Questions 1-8 and Question 10.

**Casa states that certain managers of each DHB hold the Vulnerable Persons List as well as themselves, and the relevant services have access to this database.**

1. **What the cost of maintaining this list is for each DHB.**
2. **What are the observers having to observe and where is the critical point that would be addressed by making contact with a listee in order to assist?**
3. **I would like to know how many people are on this list. Either**
  - a. **with knowledge and consent or**
  - b. **completely unaware**
4. **How and who collates the data collected.**
5. **HOW MANY PERSONS HAVE COMMITTED SUICIDE WHILST EITHER**
  - a. **BEING ON THE LIST**
  - b. **HAVING FAMILY MEMBERS ON THIS LIST FOR EXTENDED PERIOD WITH NO CONTACT.**
6. **I would like to know who the administrator is and who is responsible for the inadequate and inhumane structure of observing without any contact to the persons being observed, even after a family member may commit suicide.**
7. **Under what human and legal rights as well as privacy laws does this 'Observing and collating data' use or fail to use.**
8. **What funding is allocated for this VPL and for the varied govt services that are coerced to perform this.**

Neither the Canterbury DHB nor West Coast DHB has a Vulnerable Persons Register/List related to a recent suicide or risk of suicide.

### 10. Have you heard of the cartwright enquiry?

Yes.

Please note that this response, or an edited version of this response, may be published on the Canterbury DHB and the West Coast DHB website after your receipt of this response.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "R La Salle". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

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