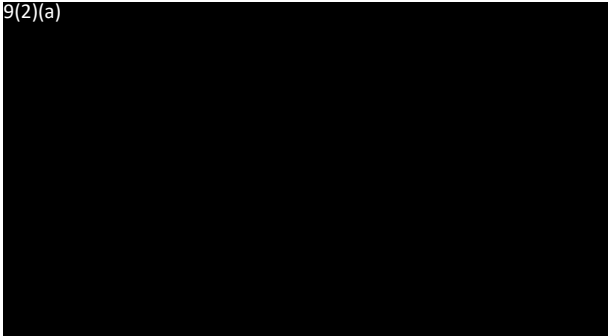




16 July 2021

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**RE Official Information Act request CDHB 10644 and WCDHB 9573**

I refer to your email dated 26 June 2021 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act from Canterbury DHB and West Coast DHB. Specifically:

- 1. Total number of patients with Crohn's disease of ulcerative colitis to receive biologic treatments (infliximab, adalimumab) between 2016 and 2020 inclusive who were (by each ethnicity separately.)**
- **White New Zealander, Maori, Asian (Ideally separated into South Asian and East Asian) and Pacific Islanders**

We have considered your request for information under the guidelines of the NZ Ombudsman and against the Official Information Act (1982) section 21(2)(a-e) "Right of Access to Certain Official Information" i.e. that the person requesting the information is:

- (a) a New Zealand citizen; or
- (b) a permanent resident of New Zealand; or
- (c) a person who is in New Zealand; or
- (d) a body corporate which is incorporated in New Zealand; or
- (e) a body corporate which is incorporated outside New Zealand, but which has a place of business in New Zealand

We are declining your request as we believe you do not fit into any of the above criteria. The Canterbury DHB and West Coast DHB, also, do not have the capacity, at this time, to respond to overseas Official Information requests.

If your request relates to a 'Research' project you could contact the University of Otago CDHB Research Office [cdhb.researchoffice@otago.ac.nz](mailto:cdhb.researchoffice@otago.ac.nz);

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](http://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 and West Coast DHB websites after your receipt of this response.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tracey Maisey', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Tracey Maisey  
**Executive Director**  
**Planning, Funding & Decision Support**