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RE Official information request CDHB 10013

I refer to your email dated 9 January 2019 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act from Canterbury DHB regarding:

• Any communications Dr Alistair Humphrey has had with any body or organisation concerning quarrying in the Christchurch and/or Selwyn areas since beginning of 2014.

To provide the information requested would in our opinion entail substantial collation and research well in excess of 20 hours. There is a lot of personal correspondence (including medical/clinical information) between the residents in the vicinity of the quarrying in the Christchurch/Selwyn areas and Dr Alistair Humphrey since the beginning of 2014 and much of this would require us to seek their consent before sharing or redacting to ensure the privacy of the individuals concerned.

As a consequence, we are declining your request under section 18(f) of the Official Information Act. If however you would like to narrow the scope of your request in terms of the time frame or be more specific about the information you are seeking we would be happy to reconsider.

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. 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

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