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RE Official information request WCDHB 9171

We refer to your email dated 29 June 2018 to the Ministry of Health under the Official Information Act. The Ministry of Health subsequently transferred Q4 of your request to West Coast DHB on 9 July 2018.

4. How many eye surgeons are on call during the Holiday Season in December-January? (Request covers last three years 2015/16, 2016/17 and 2017/18)

Response:

The West Coast DHB does not have any resident eye surgeons (ophthalmologists) operating on the West Coast. All elective ophthalmology surgery is contracted out to private providers. Any patients who present acutely who might need immediate ophthalmic treatment during the holiday season in December – January in any year are referred directly to the ophthalmology services of Canterbury District Health Board for acute care.

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 West Coast DHB website ten working days after your receipt of this response.

Yours sincerely

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