3 December 2018



We refer to your email dated 4 November 2018 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act from West Coast DHB.

 Correspondence relating to the proposed Westport IFHC to and from Jenny Black, David Meates, Mark Newsome and Margo Kyle, for the period from <u>August 1st to</u> <u>October 1st, 2018</u>.

In our estimate the work involved in locating, researching and collating this information and the effort involved in determining what information fell within scope of the request would take more than 40 hours to complete.

We have considered whether extending the response time or charging would enable us to grant a response. However this would, in our opinion, still have a direct effect on other operations of the DHB due to the diversion of resources to meet this request.

Consequently, we are refusing your request as it stands, under section 18(f) of the Official Information Act, in that to provide the information requested would entail substantial collation and research due to the amount of documentation that would need to be reviewed.

If you would like to provide us with more specific questions around the proposed Westport Integrated Family Health Centre we would be happy to consider any new requests under the specifications of the 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.

Information about how to make a complaint is available at <a href="www.ombudsman.parliament.nz">www.ombudsman.parliament.nz</a>; or Freephone 0800 802 602.

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

Yours sincerely

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