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### **RE Official information request WCDHB 9267**

I refer to your email dated 11 January 2019, requesting the following information under the Official Information Act from West Coast DHB regarding:

#### **1. Number of beds at each public hospital within WCDHB.**

West Coast DHB does not hold a central record for the information you seek on bed numbers used at each of our public hospitals month by month between 2007 and 2017.

Ward configurations as well as available and resourced bed numbers at all three of our hospitals have varied over the years of your request period. Excluding long-stay beds for age residential care, we have generally resourced and operated 62 inpatient beds at Grey Base Hospital (including 17 general medical, 4 critical care unit, 4 paediatric medical, 17 surgical, 5 maternity, and 15 acute mental health beds, but excluding 8 day-surgery unit beds); 3 inpatient general medical beds at Reefton; and 12 inpatient beds at Buller (including 10 general medical and 2 maternity beds). General Medical beds at the three facilities are also used for the provision of inpatient palliative care from time to time.

#### **2. Number of Full Time Employees at each public hospital within CDHB and WCDHB.**

- We do not have 10 years of data as PSe only went live November 2008.
- We do not track information by location. Clinical teams can work across multiple locations. We therefore track FTE by Organisation Unit. (Noting Canterbury Hospital campus is mainly static).
- The campuses have changed over the years and so the results generated would need to be understood in the context of the overall structure at the time. Failure to do so would show anomalies in the data which would appear incorrect but could be explained by for example a service change.
- Once the data is extracted it would need to be manipulated manually to reflect the actual of the campus at that point in time. Whether monthly or annually this would be a significant effort.

Due to the substantial amount of work that would be required to research and collate the information you have requested, we are refusing your request under section 18(f) of the OIA.

**3. Expenditure information categorized for each public hospital within CDHB and WCDHB (general categories such as medical devices, clinical supplies, personnel expenses)**

Due to the substantial amount of work that would be required to research and collate the information you have requested, we are refusing your request under section 18(f) of the OIA.

**Please let me know if you can provide me this information (preferably in an excel format). The desired timeframe for data is 2007 – 2017 (ideally monthly if not annual).**

**Please note that I am not seeking information at the DHB level as is found in the annual report. I am seeking for similar information at the site/facility level i.e. for each public hospital.**

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 Canterbury DHB website after your receipt of this response.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gullery', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

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