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RE Official Information Act request CDHB 10016 and WCDHB 9268

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

- **What is the average wait time for maternal mental health services at the Canterbury and West Coast DHBs?**

The average waiting time for the Mothers and Babies outpatient service is 22 calendar days.

We do not have waiting time information available for the Mothers and Babies inpatient unit as it does not have a waiting list in the traditional sense. Beds are usually reviewed weekly and triaged according to need. In some instances women from outside of Canterbury may be admitted to a hospital in their region until a bed becomes available. There are also a number of pregnant women referred, who do not require admission until after their babies are born.

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 and West Coast DHB websites after your receipt of this response.

Yours sincerely



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