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RE Official information request WCDHB 9272

We refer to your email dated 10 January 2019 which was subsequently transferred from the Ministry of Health on 24 January 2019 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act from West Coast DHB. I note your request was clarified on 3 February 2019 as being for Notifiable diseases and Mental Health and over the last ten years.

- **Copies of any reports, documents, memoranda, correspondence, legal advice or emails, both internal and external regarding concerns for the health of Gloriavale residents on the West Coast of the South Island.**

The only emails we hold relating to Mental Health in Gloriavale relate to specific individuals, we are declining to provide these under section 9(2)(a) of the Official Information Act i.e. *"....to protect the privacy of natural persons, including those deceased"*. We are not aware of any other reports on mental health concerns in Gloriavale.

Please refer to **Appendix 1, Table one** (attached) for Notifiable Diseases in residents of Gloriavale over the past ten years i.e. (1 January 2008 – 31 December 2018).

I trust that this satisfies your interest in this matter.

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 West Coast DHB website after your receipt of this response.

Yours sincerely

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Table one: Notifiable Diseases in Residents of Gloriavale 1 January 2008 – 31 December 2018

	Calendar Year										
Disease	2008 ²	2009 ³	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Campylobacteriosis	4					2	2	2	1		1
Giardiasis	8		2	4	2		3	1	4	1	1
Cryptosporidiosis	3										
Salmonellosis	1					1		1			
VTEC/STEC ¹				1							
<i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> type B								2			
Invasive Pneumococcal Disease											3
Total	16		2	5	2	3	5	5	5	1	5

Notes:

1. Infection with VTEC/STEC = Verotoxin/Shiga toxin producing *E.coli*.
2. There were relatively high numbers of notifications of enteric diseases (gastroenteritis illnesses) in 2008 and these have fallen subsequently. This is in part due to improvements in the safety of the Gloriavale Community's water supply. Enteric diseases still remain the most common type of notifiable disease in this community, as is the case for rural areas and the West Coast generally.
3. There were no notifications of notifiable diseases from Gloriavale in 2009.

The West Coast DHB declines to provide any detail on the individual cases pursuant to section 9 (2)(a) of the Official information Act 1982 i.e. “....to protect the privacy of natural persons, including those deceased”. This includes any emails to/from notifying practitioners in respect of individual cases.