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RE Official information request WCDHB 9273

I refer to your email dated 26 January 2019, (received 28 January 2019) requesting the following information under the Official Information Act from West Coast DHB regarding:

- ***Recorded cases of organ failure; brain damage; and death related to heat-stroke and/or sun-stroke by the DHB in the calendar years (January 1 to December 31) in 2014, 15, 16, 17 and 2018, broken down by year and type of injury.***

Among the patients admitted to West Coast DHB hospital facilities with heat stroke or sunstroke during the calendar years 2014 to 2018 inclusive, there have been only two cases with organ damage recorded in association with their admission. Both cases were in 2016, and involved kidney injury as their affected organs. One case related to a person who was out running; the other due to exposure to excessive heat of man-made origin (hot bath). Both cases were treated and discharged home.

There were no heat-stroke or sunstroke related deaths of any patients admitted to our hospital facilities during the 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, or 2018 calendar years.

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 after your receipt of this response.

Yours sincerely

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