



# *West Coast District Health Board*

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### **RE Official Information Act request WCDHB 9320**

I refer to your email dated 24 June 2019 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act from West Coast DHB. Clarified as being for the last six months.

- 1. Have any people been harmed as a result of oncology and / or radiation wait times? If so, how many?***
- 2. Are there any reports that indicate and / or detail harm to patients as a result of oncology service wait times or radiation wait times? Can you supply those report(s)?***
- 3. Have any reports been provided indicating patients are being compromised by wait times to access first treatment of first specialist appointment? Can you supply those reports?***
- 4. Have any of your staff raised concerns about the adverse effects on patients due to waiting times?***

There have been no reports from any source received by the West Coast DHB of any harm, compromise, or adverse effects to West Coast domiciled patients that are attributable to time spent waiting to be seen for oncology or for radiation therapy services during the last six months, 1 January to 30 June 2019.

**Please note,** West Coast DHB does not provide radiation therapy locally. West Coast patients are provided radiation therapy through Canterbury DHB's service in Christchurch as the regional hub for this type of tertiary level treatment.

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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