



## CORPORATE OFFICE

Level 1  
32 Oxford Terrace  
Christchurch Central  
**CHRISTCHURCH 8011**

Telephone: 0064 3 364 4160  
Fax: 0064 3 364 4165  
[carolyn.gullery@cdhb.health.nz](mailto:carolyn.gullery@cdhb.health.nz)

14 November 2019

9(2)(a)

### RE Official Information Act request CDHB 10203 and WCDHB 9361

I refer to your email, dated 16 October 2019, requesting the following information under the Official Information Act from Canterbury DHB and West Coast DHB.

***The budgeted cost of the following clinical codes covering procedures for breast reconstruction:***

**4553002**

**4553900**

**4554500**

**4554501**

**4554502**

Canterbury DHB does not budget separately for breast reconstruction procedures. This budget is part of the overall operating budget for the Plastics Department and patients are seen according to clinical need. Canterbury DHB also sees patients domiciled on the West Coast and South Canterbury and referred to Canterbury DHB for their procedure.

Although Canterbury DHB doesn't budget these procedures separately, we have performed procedures on 68 patients both in 2017/18 and 2018/19 with total indicative costs of \$970,000 (2017/18) and \$870,000 (2018/19).

Included in the 68 patients who received procedures both in 2017/2018 and 2018/2019 were the following patients seen for West Coast DHB and South Canterbury DHB. Please refer to **Table one** (below).

**Table one:**

	2017/18	2018/19
West Coast	4	3
South Canterbury	8	3

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Melissa Macfarlane', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Melissa Macfarlane  
**Acting Executive Director**  
**Planning, Funding & Decision Support**