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RE Official information request WCDHB 9429

We refer to your email dated 11 May 2020 to the Ministry of Health which they have subsequently partially transferred to us on 21 May 2020 requesting the following information from West Coast DHB under the Official Information Act. Specifically question 1 below.

- 1. Given that Electroconvulsive Treatment has been used as a method of torture historically in New Zealand, can you please inform me of the precise number of these devices in NZ hospitals in present time?**

The West Coast DHB does not have any Electroconvulsive Treatment (ECT) devices in its hospitals or facilities.

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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