



# West Coast District Health Board

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### RE Official information request WCDHB 9448

I refer to your email dated 6 May 2020 to the Ministry of Health and which they partially transferred to us (received 9 July 2020) requesting the following information under the Official Information Act from West Coast DHB. Specifically questions 3 and 4 of your original request:

**This request relates to the period 30 January 2020 (when Covid-19 became a public health emergency of international concern) and 30 April 2020.**

3. Covid-19 hospitalisation numbers by Māori, non-Māori, Māori with lived experience of disability (tāngata whaikaha) and non-Māori with lived experience of disability.
4. Covid-19 mortality numbers by Māori, non-Māori, Māori with lived experience of disability (tāngata whaikaha) and non-Māori with lived experience of disability.

There were two Covid-19 related hospitalisation admissions to West Coast DHB facilities during the period 30 January to 30 April 2020. Neither identified their ethnicity as being Maori. One individual died while in hospital; the other was discharged to home.

Given that there were only two hospitalisations for Covid-19 at our facilities, we decline to provide any additional information regarding the status of lived experience of disability that may or may not be held if we undertook manual research of each of individual patients' case notes pursuant to Section 9(2)(a) of the Official Information Act; i.e. "...to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons."

I trust that this satisfies your interest in this matter.

You may, under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act, seek a review of our decision to withhold information by the Ombudsman. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://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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