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RE Official information request WCDHB 9488

I refer to your email dated 11 September 2020 to the Ministry of Health which they subsequently partially transferred to us on 3 November 2020 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act from West Coast DHB regarding electro convulsive therapy (ECT). Specifically, questions B, C, E and H of your request as laid out below:

- b. Are there different machines in use in different DHBs?*
- c. How many machines are in use in each DHB?*
- e. If most of the machines are of a particular manufacturer, how long have they been in use. I am particularly interested in the age and make of the ECT machines.*
- h. Does the Ministry have any statistics of any complaints about ECT that have been made to the DHBs, and if so, please provide similar information broken down annually in the period 1 January 2010 to 1 January 2020.*

Response

The West Coast DHB does not have any electroconvulsive therapy (ECT) machines in its hospitals or facilities; and has not had nor operated any such devices in the past ten-year period from 1 January 2010.

I trust 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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