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RE Official information request WCDHB 9490

I refer to your email to the Ministry of Health, clarified on 4 November 2020, and which they then transferred to us on 6 November 2020, requesting the following information under the Official Information Act from West Coast DHB. Specifically

- 1. How many foreign nationals have been charged by our public health system categorized by number of charges and nationality/passport region [between April 1st, 2019 to 31st March 2020] ...by charges I mean transactions.**

Please find attached as **Appendix 1** the following information.

Table one: Total number of foreign / non-resident patient transactions by country of residence April 2019 – March 2020. (Total = 122)

Table two: Number of transactions by month and

Table three: Total amount invoiced by month (GST inclusive) April 2019 – March 2020.

Please note: We are declining to provide transactions by country of residence and by month where the numbers are smaller than 5 pursuant to section 9(2)(a) of the Official Information Act i.e. *“...to protect the privacy of the individual”*.

I trust 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; or Freephone 0800 802 602.

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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Appendix 1 - Table one: Total number of foreign / non-resident patient transactions by country of residence April 2019 – March 2020

Country	Total
Argentina	<5
Australia	<5
Canada	<5
China	5
Denmark	<5
Fiji	<5
Finland	<5
FRANCE	<5
Germany	25
Hungary	<5
India	5
Ireland	5
Israel	<5
Italy	<5
Lithuania	<5
Netherlands	<5
Portugal	<5
Russia	<5
Samoa	<5
Solomon island	5
South Africa	<5
Spain	<5
Sweden	<5
Switzerland	6
Thailand	<5
Ukraine	<5
United Arab Emirates	<5
Unknown	<5
USA	15
Vietnam	<5
Unknown/Other	15
Total	122

Table two: number of foreign / non-resident patient transactions by month April 2019 – March 2020

	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total
Total	14	<5	<5	<5	5	<5	10	20	7	23	18	17	122

Table three – Total amount invoiced by month April 2019 – March 2020

Month	Total \$\$ Invoiced GST inclusive
Apr-19	-19,053
May-19	-4,873.61
Jun-19	-1,307.90
Jul-19	-8,805
Aug-19	-12,411.80
Sep-19	-1,047.04
Oct-19	-38,687.50
Nov-19	-99,054.20
Dec-19	-10,182.60
Jan-20	-14,889.70
Feb-20	-48,030
Mar-20	-11,318.70
Total	-269,661