



# *West Coast District Health Board*

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### **RE Official information request WCDHB 9501**

I refer to your email dated 6 December 2020, requesting the following information under the Official Information Act from West Coast DHB. Specifically:

- **Information regarding the number of formal complaints about surgical equipment mistakenly being left behind in patients in the last three years, which went to the Health and Disability Commissioner or resulted in a review of hospital policy.**
- **Can this information be broken down by year, what the item was, how long it was mistakenly left in the patient for, when it was removed and the effect(s) on the patient.**

The west Coast DHB has had no complaints in the last three years.

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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