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RE Official information request WCDHB 9511

I refer to your email to Ministry of Business, Innovation & Employment dated 27 November 2020, and subsequently partially transferred to us on 23 December 2020, requesting the following information under the Official Information Act from West Coast DHB. Specifically:

- 1. Which govt agencies that currently fund NZSL interpreting do not have contracts in place with suppliers and are instead operating in an ad-hoc manner?**

The West Coast DHB does not currently have a contract in place to fund an agency that provides sign-language interpreters. The current practice is to utilise the assistance of family members and friends when treating hearing-impaired patients.

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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