4 February 2021

I refer to your email dated 15 January 2021 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act from both Canterbury DHB and West Coast DHB. Specifically:

1. Does the DHB have goals, targets, or objectives for current or future admissions to Aged Residential Care? These targets could be expressed in terms of an absolute numbers, annual percentage changes, or changes in age-specific ARC utilisation rates.

   If the answer is yes, could you please supply documents or links to web pages and documents.

Neither the Canterbury DHB, nor the West Coast DHB, has collective goals, targets or objectives for entry into Aged Residential Care (ARC) facilities regarding current or future admissions. The model used by both DHBs is client centred and dependent on the specific goals of the client and family/whānau.

2. Has the DHB analysed the cost of providing home support to older people with high or complex needs compared to the cost of funding them in aged residential care? As an indication, we are referring to older people with scores of 4 or 5 on the interRAI MAPLE scale, or 2 or above on the ADL Hierarchy scale, in their most recent interRAI Home Care assessment.

   If the answer is yes, could you please provide a copy of the report. If that is not possible, please provide:
   - The name of the study or report
   - When it was completed (most recently if there have been several)
   - A brief outline of the scope of the study
   - The principal findings of the study

Both Canterbury DHB and West Coast DHB do not undertake this type of costing analysis between home support care and aged residential care for clients collectively at this level.

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 Canterbury DHB and the West Coast DHB websites after your receipt of this response.

Yours sincerely

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