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RE Official information Act request WCDHB 9525

I refer to your email dated 10 February 2021 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act from West Coast DHB. Specifically:

- **If measured or estimated, can I please ask for the percentage coverage for diabetic retinal screening (i.e the proportion of people with diabetes who have had a retinal screen within the last two years, or other reporting period)?**

Within the past two calendar years West Coast DHB had a recorded coverage of (on average) 77.6% for diabetic retinal screening among those people with diabetes who had diabetic annual reviews in the period from 1 January 2019 to 31 December 2020. We note that people with indications for well-managed diabetes, who have stable HbA1c levels and no retinopathy, are more likely to receive screening within a three year timeframe by our optometrists.

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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