



West Coast District Health Board

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RE Official information Act request WCDHB 9529

I refer to your email dated 27 February 2021 to the Ministry of Health which they partially transferred to us on 9 March 2021 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act from West Coast DHB. Specifically:

1. **Please confirm how many of the DHBs have a marae accessible to Maori inpatients in your DHB psychiatric units.**

West Coast DHB does not have a marae directly accessible to Māori inpatients in our DHB. However, if any tangata whaiora and/or whanau required support to access a local marae, we would endeavour to facilitate that.

2. **Please advise in exact terms the measures each DHB uses to ensure the Tino Rangitiratanga of Maori Inpatients in Psychiatric Inpatient Units.? Clarified as: "only relates to Maori subject to the Mental Health Act 1992".**

All Māori inpatients have access to our Te Rauawa o te Waka Hinengaro Hauora (Māori Mental Health) service, regardless of mental health act status. This service comprises the Kaiārahi (Clinical Manager Māori Mental Health Service), Pūkenga Tiaki (2.75 FTE) and Kaumatua. The service aims to support tangata whaiora and their whanau with their cultural needs. The service can advocate on behalf of the tangata whaiora, such as in multidisciplinary team discussions where they can advocate for a Kaupapa Māori focus for care and treatment. Our Pūkenga Tiaki are working where possible with the crisis response team, to facilitate and support transitions into the acute inpatient unit, as well as in the transition into the community following discharge from the inpatient unit.

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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