11 June 2021

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RE Official Information Act request WCDHB 9553

I refer to your email dated 7 May 2021 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act from West Coast DHB. Specifically:

 Please provide the gift registers held by the DHB about gifts/contributions/received items given to DHB employees (including medical professionals) for the following years: 2020, 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016.

Please refer to **Appendix 1** (attached). Please note we have withheld information pursuant to section 9(2)(a) of the Official Information Act i.e. *"...to protect privacy"*

2. Please provide records held regarding of any flights provided, paid for or subsidised by pharmaceutical or medical equipment companies to employees of the DHB (including medical professionals) in the following years: 2020, 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016.

West Coast DHB does not hold a central record of any of these cases, nor any other such flights provided, paid or subsidised for any of our individual employees by pharmaceutical or medical equipment interests for the periods 2016 to 2020. We therefore decline your request for information in this regard under Section 18(g) of the Official Information Act i.e. "… that the information requested is not held" by the West Coast DHB.

 Please provide any information the DHB holds regarding professional affiliations, board roles or advisory positions held by employees of the DHB (including medical professionals) in connection to pharmaceutical or medical equipment companies. If possible, break these affiliations down by the following years: 2020, 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016.

West Coast DHB has no employees who have declared any professional affiliations, board roles, or advisory positions in connection with pharmaceutical or medical equipment companies. The West Coast DHB as an organisation similarly has no such interests or affiliations.

While we are unaware of any such cases, West Coast DHB does not hold any record of any current or past individual employees who may have had any such affiliations in the period 2016 to 2020. We therefore decline your request for information in this regard under Section 18(g) of the Official Information Act i.e. "... that the information requested is not held" by the West Coast DHB.

I trust this satisfies your interest in this matter.

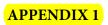
You may, under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act, seek a review of our decision to withhold information by the Ombudsman. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz; or Freephone 0800 802 602.

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

Ralph La Salle

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Date	Donor Company Business (if applicable)	Value (Estimate if required)	Value estimated?	Accepted or Declined	Description of Gift	Purpose of Gift	Year
5/02/2016	Individual	\$20.00	Yes	Accepted	Chocolates & bottle wine	Thank you for organising med student placement	2016
1/06/2016	Recruitment Agency	\$50.00	Yes	Declined	Breakfast to watch Euro 2016 Final	Supplier appreciation	2016
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23/11/2016	Software company	\$299.00	Yes	Accepted	Headphones - Soho 2.	Prize personally won while attending Conference	2016
5/12/2016	Debt collection agency	\$5.00	Yes	Accepted	Lollies	Annual gift for using Company	2016
6/12/2016	Women's Section RSA	\$200.00	No	Accepted	Christmas dinner treats for residents	Christmas dinner treats for residents	2016
14/12/2016	WCPHO	\$25.00	Yes	Accepted	Gift Basket	Support of PHO CME training	2016
19/12/2016	Printing company	\$47.00	No	Accepted	Chocolate truffles=\$17, Calendar=\$5, Wine=\$25	Supplier appreciation	2016
4/08/2017	Medical Device Company (diagnostics)	\$300.00	No	Accepted	Contribution of \$300 towards WCDHB CVAD (Central venous access devices) Study Day	Supporting educational Event	2017
20/10/2017	RMIP (Rural Medical Immersion Programme) students - Otago Uni	\$70.00	Yes	Accepted	Columbus Coffe Gift Voucher + 2x wine	Thank you for the Year	2017
20/10/2017	RMIP (Rural Medical Immersion Programme) students - Otago Uni	\$70.00	yes	Accepted	Columbus coffee gift voucher (Juliette), Bottle of wine each for Emma and Greville	Thank you for the year	2017
7/12/2017	WCPHO	\$25.00	Yes	Accepted	Gift Basket	Support of PHO CME training	2017
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	8/12/2017	Recruitment Agency	\$30.00	Yes	Accepted	Umbrella	Thank you for all the hard work	2017
	19/12/2017	Debt collection agency	\$75.00	Yes	Accepted	1500mL Bottle of Cuvee Marlborough Nautilus Wine	Annual gift for using Company	2017
	19/12/2017	Debt collection agency	\$5.00	Yes	Accepted	Lollies	Annual gift for using Company	2017
	16/01/2018	Unknown	\$400.00	yes	Accepted	Panasonic Tv	enjoyment of using the whanau facility.	2018
	7/12/2018	WCPHO	\$25.00	Yes	Accepted	Gift Basket	Thank you for supporting PHO CME	2018
	13/12/2018	Debt collection agency	\$70.00	yes	Accepted	Bottle of Wine & Lollies	Xmas Thankyou	2018
	9/07/2019	Probus	\$20.00	No.	Accepted	MTA Voucher \$20.00 - to be used to fill a company car with petrol - given to Transport Dept	Accepted as a Koha for speaking at Probus meeting	2019
	3/09/2019	8	\$40.00	Yes	Accepted	4x jars of flavoured peanut butter	A thankyou to WCDHB staff for all their hard work.	2019
	5/12/2019	WCPHO	\$25.00	Yes	Accepted	Gift Basket	Thank you for supporting PHO CME	2019
	1/02/2020	Hire company	\$100.00	No	Accepted	Gift Voucher	Appreciation of your time	2020
	4/03/2020	Provider of finance and accounting solutions.	\$50.00	Yes	Accepted	End of Month Survuval Kit - snack items	Marketing	2020
?	9/12/2020	WCPHO	\$25.00	Yes	Accepted	Gift Basket	Thank you for supporting PHO CME training.	2020
	14/12/2020	Hotel Chain	\$0.00	No	Accepted	Free accommodation voucher - Hotel	"Nights for Nurses" promotion for deserving hospital workers	2020

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	16/12/2020	Phone company	\$280.00	Yes	Accepted	Cricket Set, Picnic Mat and 6x bottles of wine	Christmas - gift staff	2020
8	16/12/2020	Phone company	\$280.00	Yes	Accepted	Cricket Set, Picnic Mat and 6x bottles of wine	Christmas - gift management	2020
	25/02/2021	Otago University	\$100.00	No	Accepted	Prezzy Card	Thank you for participating in the Regions Care study	2021

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