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RE Official Information Act request CDHB 10613 and WCDHB 9559

I refer to your email dated 27 May 2021 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act from Canterbury DHB and West Coast DHB regarding number of PET-CT scans being referred. Specifically:

1. How many PET CT scans have been referred per year the past 3 years?

Please refer to **Table one** (below) for the number of PET-CT scans referred to Canterbury DHB and West Coast DHB.

Table 1: Canterbury DHB and West Coast DHB PET Scan referrals past three calendar years and 2021 (Jan-May).

	2018	2019	2020	2021 (Jan-May)
CDHB	416	399	473	210
WCDHB	30	31	36	16
TOTAL	446	430	509	226

2. How many PET CT scans have been referred this year so far?

As above

3. What percentage of the patients being referred are Maori?

Table 2: Percentage of referred patients (by ethnicity) for the 2020 and 2021 (Jan-May) period*

	CDHB		WCDHB	
	Count	%	Count	%
NZ European / European	575	84%	46	88%
Maori	49	7%	5	10%
Other	59	8%	1	2%

***Note:** We are providing you with 2020 calendar year and 2021 (Jan-May) ethnicity data to give you a representative idea of the ethnicity breakdown for referrals. To provide this information we had to manually review referral data which took a substantial amount of time and resource. We are declining

to provide the ethnicity information for referrals for 2018 and 2019 calendar years under section 18(f) of the Official Information Act i.e. this information can only be made available with additional substantial collation and research.

4. What is the average cost per PET CT scan referral?

The average PET-CT scan referral costs \$2,043.10 (Excluding GST).

I trust that 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 website after your receipt of this response.

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.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Tracey Maisey', with a stylized, flowing script.

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