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### RE Official Information Act request CDHB 10621 and WCDHB 9564

I refer to your email dated 1 June 2021 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act from Canterbury DHB and West Coast DHB regarding cyber security. Specifically:

1. **Copies of any agenda or minutes at any governance level, including any audit and risk or similar committee meetings, etc, over the past 3 years, concerning cyber security (may be referred to as IT, or ICT, or information technology) developments**  
And/or risks  
And/or Concerns  
And/or Attacks  
And/or Interventions  
And/or funding  
And/or Advice or recommendations or other interaction with ministry or other agencies including CERT, or any arm of GCSB, or of DIA  
And/or any review of cyber security done by or for your agency
2. **Copies of any relevant risk registers that provide info re cyber (ITC, IT, info tech, data and digital) security and/or risks at any time in the last 3 years.**
3. **Pls provide your agency's response/s to Dir Gen Dr Bloomfield's request in mid-2020 (attached) to investing in data/digital, where that response includes reference to security, from when request received till now**

Your request is declined on the following grounds.

Official Information Act Section 6 (c): Releasing this information would be likely to prejudice the maintenance of the law, including the prevention, investigation and detection of offences.

Section 9 (2) (c): the withholding of this information is necessary to avoid prejudice to measures protecting the health or safety of members of the public; and

Section 9 (2) (e): the withholding of this information is necessary to avoid prejudice to measures that prevent or mitigate material loss to members of the public

Section 9 (2) (k): the withholding of the information is necessary to prevent the use of information for improper gain or advantage.

The public interest in disclosing the information requested does not outweigh these needs to withhold the information.

District Health Boards are committed to the prevention, detection and investigation of cyber threats.

Our protections include limiting the information about cybersecurity activities that we make public, as this could increase the chance of attacks in the future.

On behalf of the community, it is very important that we protect information about our cybersecurity strategies and methods as much as possible to ensure criminals do not use that information to hinder or bypass our security controls.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman about this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz); or 0800 802 602.

Please note that this response, or an edited version of this response, may be published on the Canterbury DHB and West Coast DHB websites after your receipt of this response.

Yours sincerely

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

Tracey Maisie  
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