



18 February 2022

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RE Official Information Act request CDHB 10800 & WCDHB 9654

I refer to your email dated 14 January 2022 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act from Canterbury DHB and West Coast DHB. Specifically:

- how many people had a cancer misdiagnosis in 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021?
 - how many people had a delayed diagnosis of cancer in 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021?
- Your request was clarified with TAS on 21 January 2022 asking DHBs to provide numbers of complaints related to cancer misdiagnoses, or delayed diagnoses (delayed by a year)

Canterbury DHB and West Coast DHB do not record this information in our system with specific codes related to cancer.

We are therefore declining your request pursuant to section 18(e) of the Official Information Act i.e. *"...the information requested does not exist or cannot be found"*.

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 Canterbury DHB and West Coast DHB websites.

Yours sincerely

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