

West Coast District Health Board

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RE Official Information Act request WCDHB 9685

I refer to your email dated 7 April 2022 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act from West Coast DHB. Specifically:

Would you please advise:

- 1. If you do provide services for people who stutter, would you please advise:
 - a. How many people who stutter that you have worked with in the last year including a breakdown of their ages and ethnicities.

West Coast DHB has not had any referrals in the last year.

b. The type of services that you provided e.g. individual speech therapy, group programmes

Our approach would be to offer one to one support, alongside encouragement to link with an intensive fluency program.

- c. The number of sessions of individual speech therapy you provided in the last year
- d. The number of any other programmes etc that you offered and the number of participants in these programmes?

No referrals in the last year.

Please note: there is also information which is publicly available on our HealthInfo website regarding stuttering. <u>www.healthinfo.org.nz</u>;

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 West Coast DHB website after your receipt of this response.

Yours sincerely

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