2 June 2022



RE Official Information Act request WCDHB 9704

I refer to your email dated 17 April 2022 to the Ministry of Health which they partially transferred to us on 26 May 2022 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act from West Coast DHB. Specifically Questions 2 and 9:

2. All acute Myocarditis, pericarditis and tachicardia admissions post covid diagnosis.

This information is not held in an easily retrievable data system and would require a clinician to manually search and cross reference patient notes. (We are therefore declining your request pursuant to section 18(f) of the Official Information Act i.e. "...to provide the information requested would take a substantial amount of time and resource".

9. The number of walk in admissions to ED where a Dr has written anxiety on the discharge notes and the comparative figures for the last five years.

This information is not held in an easily retrievable electronic system and would require a manual search of individual patient notes. To provide this information over a five-year period would require a substantial amount of time and resource. We are therefore declining your request pursuant to section 18(f) of the Official Information Act.

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

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