



West Coast District Health Board

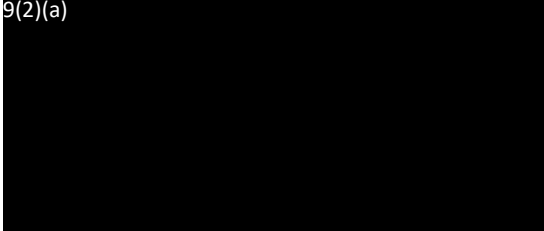
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RE Official Information Act request WCDHB 9706

I refer to your email dated 31 May 2022 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act from West Coast DHB. Specifically:

- 1. How many children were referred for precocious puberty in each calendar year from 2006 until the most recent available year (presumably 2021)?**
- 2. How many children were being treated (i.e. total ongoing treatments) for precocious puberty in each calendar year from 2006 until the most recent available year?**

Response

West Coast DHB does not code referrals nor outpatient review and treatment outcome at the level of detail requested in any retrievable fashion; the only such information that may be recorded being that held in individual clinical case notes and patient records as may be pertinent to individual patient concerned. We therefore decline to provide additional information that may or may not be held if we undertook manual research of each of individual patients' case notes under Section 18 (f) of the Official Information Act i.e. *"... that the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation or research."*

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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