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Dear Ms Spicer

**Re: Official Information Act Request 2279**

I refer to your Official Information Act request in which you specifically requested the following:

1. Which PET CT suppliers do you use for your PET CT referrals?
2. How are the tenders for these referrals accessed and when are they put out to tender?
3. Are any of your PET CT referrals currently under contract with your suppliers and if so when are the contracts up for renewal?
4. Are there any extra costs to the DHB for providing PET CT scans to patients, e.g., travel costs, accommodation?

PET CT services in the South Island are provided in Christchurch and managed by Canterbury DHB, as the lead DHB for the South Island DHB-wide contracts. Referrals made by the Southern DHB are therefore managed by Canterbury DHB.

Patients who are referred may be eligible to have their travel and accommodation costs funded through the National Travel Assistance programme. More details regarding this can be found on the Ministry of Health website - <https://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/hospitals-and-specialist-care/national-travel-assistance-scheme>

You have the right to seek an investigation and review of our decision by the Ombudsman. The Ombudsman's Office can be contacted on 0800 802 602 or on-line at <http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz/>.

Yours sincerely



Chris Fleming  
Chief Executive Officer