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Michael Vaughan

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Dear Michael Vaughan

RE Official Information Act request CDHB 10727 & WCDHB 9612

We are writing to acknowledge your email dated 19 September 2021 to the Ministry of Health which they subsequently transferred to us on 30 September 2021 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act from Canterbury DHB and West Coast DHB. Specifically:

1. **What is the Covid-19 treatment protocol for hospitalised cases?**
2. **Are some DHB's following different treatment protocols from others?**
3. **Are DHB's free to make decisions about treatments for individuals with Covid-19?**
4. **To what extent are patients able to participate in decision-making about their treatment programmes?**
5. **If a patient requests a blood test for Vitamin D and/or the administration of high dosage Vitamin C, are hospital staff able to provide these?**
6. **Do hospital staff have the right to refuse a patient's request and, if so, is there a process for a patient to appeal the decision?**

We will consider your request against the provisions of the Official Information Act (see below) and advise you of our decision regarding the release of information within 20 working days (being the statutory timeframe provided within the Act.) Accordingly, we will notify you no later than 29 October 2021 of our decision.

Your request is being handled by Kathleen Smitheram. If you have any queries, please feel free to contact either myself (details above) or Kathleen. (Kathleen.Smitheram@cdhb.health.nz; phone (03) 364-4134).

Please refer to the OIA number above when phoning or emailing. If any additional factors come to light which are relevant to your request, please do not hesitate to contact us so that these can be taken into account.

Yours sincerely

Ralph La Salle
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15 Decisions on requests

(1) Subject to this Act, the department or Minister of the Crown or organisation to whom a request is made in accordance with [section 12](#) or is transferred in accordance with [section 14](#) of this Act or [section 12](#) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 shall, as soon as reasonably practicable, and in any case not later than 20 working days after the day on which the request is received by that department or Minister of the Crown or organisation,—

(1)(a) decide whether the request is to be granted and, if it is to be granted, in what manner and for what charge (if any); and

(1)(b) give or post to the person who made the request notice of the decision on the request

[If we are unable to make a decision on your request by the date noted above, we will notify you of an extension of that timeframe.]