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Dear Ms Hodson

RE Official Information Act request CDHB 10180

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 8 September 2019 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act regarding Thyroid guidelines/policies, citation lists and monitoring from Canterbury DHB. Specifically:

- 1. Guidelines and/or policy on thyroid diagnosis, testing and treatment issued/used/supported by the District health Board; plus a) the citation list (NZ and international clinical research studies, other clinical papers and publications including randomised control trials and guidelines) that support these guidelines/policy. Citations are to include those on safety, benefits, efficacy, risk, and risk management; AND b). The citation list of all patient survey data that supports these guidelines/policy.**
- 2. From the period 1 January 1990 through to 31 March 2019, all studies carried out by the District Health Board (DHB), referred to or sourced by the DHB (NZ or international studies) that:**
 - a) Monitor the impact of guidelines/policies on thyroid diagnosis, testing and treatment on the health and wellbeing of NZ thyroid patients; and b) All studies examining thyroid patients' experience of diagnosis and treatment**

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 8 October 2019, 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 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



Wayne Turp
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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.]