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Dear Francis,

Request for information – IR-01-20-8763

Thank you for your information request of 19/03/2020. You requested:

- Mental health evidence considered before trial of Eagle helicopter in Christchurch
- In relation to the decision to trial the Eagle helicopter in Christchurch in February 2020 and the resulting noise imposed on Christchurch residents:
- What research or other evidence, if any, was considered to estimate the mental health effects of this noise?
- Were any mental health professionals consulted regarding anticipated mental health consequences of the noise, and if so, what was their advice?

Your request has been considered in accordance with the Official Information Act 1982.

- NZ Police received some complaints of noise made by the Eagle helicopter during their post March 15 deployment to Canterbury district. Reference was made to the noise being a reminder of the Earthquake and other extraordinary events which have taken place within Canterbury. When preparing for the 5 week trial, the noise element was taken into account during the planning phase. Community engagement both prior to and throughout the trial to explain the purpose of the helicopter trial deployment was undertaken.

Canterbury District Commander John Price had a verbal conversation with David Meates from the Canterbury District Health Board prior to the start of the trial and as part of that wider community engagement process.

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Yours sincerely,



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