

27 May 2020

Nigel Gray

By email to: fyi-request-12827-83ab6f33@requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear Nigel

Re Official Information Request – Electroconvulsive Treatment

I refer to your official information request dated 11 May 2020 to the MoH and transferred from the MoH to Auckland DHB on 21 May 2020 requesting the following information:

Given that Electroconvulsive Treatment has been used as a method of torture historically in New Zealand, can you please inform me of the precise number of these devices in NZ hospitals in present time?

At Auckland DHB we have two machines for the delivery of Electro Convulsive Therapy.

You are entitled to seek a review of the response by the Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act. 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 Auckland DHB website.

Yours faithfully



Ailsa Claire, OBE
Chief Executive