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Dear Nigel

Subject: Official Information Act request Re: ECT

Thank you for your request for information under the Official Information Act received by Lakes DHB on 22 May 2020. You have asked:

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?

Lakes DHB has one machine used for electroconvulsive treatment.

Please note we may publish this letter and enclosed documents (with your personal information removed) on Lakes DHB's website.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nick Saville-Wood', written in a cursive style.

Nick Saville-Wood
Chief Executive

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