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Dear Moshe

RE Official Information Act request CDHB 10579

We are writing to acknowledge your email dated 31 March 2021 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act from Canterbury DHB. Specifically:

- 1. Regarding the unavailability of 2018 report - what you are saying is actually that that data was not moved from one system to the other and therefore you did not produce these very basic quality reports for at least 3 years? 2020 is an outlier, so I can get no meaningful data out of it. I would think that the data I am asking for is the very minimum DHB has to monitor in order to provide quality assessment for the services they are providing. To phrase the question more formally: Was the CDHB not monitoring the quality of cardiac services for 2017, 2018, 2019? If they did, can I have the quality reports.**
- 2. From your response I understand that Echo (which is currently the most definitive low cost screening procedure) wait times are not monitored by the CDHB for the last 3 years and no one is looking for correlation between Echo wait times and hospitalisation/death incidents? Again, more formally: Was the CDHB not monitoring the quality of cardiac diagnostic services and the correlation to hospitalisation/death for 2017, 2018, 2019? If they did, can I have the quality reports.**
- 3. Same goes to ED while on waiting list. If you do not hold this information, this is a bit worrying. How can you budget your services without such report? Cost of ED vs cost of increasing procedures bandwidth, etc. Formally: Does the CDHB produce quality reports to measure how many people were admitted to ED for heart condition while waiting for a diagnostic/procedure?**

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, and taking into account public holidays for Easter and Anzac Day, we will notify you no later than 3 May 2021 of our decision.

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,—

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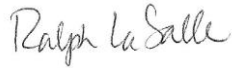
(1)(b) give or post to the person who made the request notice of the decision on the request

[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.]

Your request is being handled by Faye Tiffin. If you have any queries, please feel free to contact either myself (details above) or Faye. (Faye.Tiffin@cdhb.health.nz; phone (03) 364-4192).

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



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Acting Executive Director

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