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Dear K

RE Official information Act request CDHB 10560 & WCDHB 9533

We are writing to acknowledge your email dated 5 March 2021 to the Department of Internal Affairs which they have partially transferred to us this morning requesting the following information under the Official Information Act from Canterbury DHB and West Coast DHB. Specifically Questions 1-8 and Question 10.

Casa states that certain managers of each DHB hold the list as well as themselves, and the relevant services have access to this database.

1. **What the cost of maintaining this list is for each DHB.**
2. **What are the observers having to observe and where is the critical point that would be addressed by making contact with a listee in order to assist?**
3. **I would like to know how many people are on this list. Either**
 - a. **with knowledge and consent or**
 - b. **completely unaware**
4. **How and who collates the data collected.**
5. **HOW MANY PERSONS HAVE COMMITTED SUICIDE WHILST EITHER**
 - a. **BEING ON THE LIST**
 - b. **HAVING FAMILY MEMBERS ON THIS LIST FOR EXTENDED PERIOD WITH NO CONTACT.**
6. **I would like to know who is the administrator and who is responsible for the inadequate and inhumane structure of observing without any contact to the persons being observed, even after a family member may commit suicide.**
7. **Under what human and legal rights as well as privacy laws does this 'Observing and collating data' use or fail to use.**
8. **What funding is allocated for this VPL and for the varied govt services that are coerced to perform this.**
10. **Have you heard of the cartwright enquiry?**

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, we will notify you no later than 13 April 2021 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 (03) 364-4134).

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,—

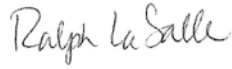
(1)(a) decide whether the request is to be granted and, if it is to be granted, in what manner and for what charge (if any); and

(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.]

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



Ralph La Salle
Acting Executive Director
Planning, Funding & Decision Support

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