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Andrew McGregor

Email: fyi-request-17690-28706637@requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear Andrew

RE Official information request CDHB 10787 and WCDHB 9649

We are writing to acknowledge your email dated 23 November 2021 to the Ministry of Health which they subsequently transferred to us today requesting the following information under the Official Information Act from Canterbury DHB and West Coast DHB. Specifically:

1. **“What are the official Guidelines/procedures for urgent X-rays (24 hour)”**
2. **“What are the Guidelines/procedures for patients repeatedly admitted to Emergency Department with severe epigastric pain/ and upper right and left quadrant pain”**
3. **“Guidelines/procedure for investigating possible Colonic Motility Dysfunction/Defecatory Disorders/Anorectal Dysfunction”**

Please note that your three requests are being answered as one OIA request. We are replying using fyi-request-17690-28706637@requests.fyi.org.nz allocated by the FYI website to - Official Information request - Guidelines/procedure for investigating possible Colonic Motility Dysfunction/Defecatory Disorders/Anorectal Dysfunction.

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.)

Please note: As per the Ombudsman’s guidance Official Information Act requests/responses close down between 25 December 2021 and 16 January 2022. We are also taking into account the public holiday for Waitangi Day on 7 February 2022.

Accordingly, we will notify you, no later than 11 February 2022, of our decision.

15 Decisions on requests

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(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.]

Your request is being handled by Lara Williams. If you have any queries, please feel free to contact either myself (details above) or Lara. (Lara.williams2@cdhb.health.nz; Phone (03) 364 4140). Please refer to the OIA number above when phoning or emailing.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'RLS', with a long horizontal line extending to the right underneath it.

Ralph La Salle
Team Leader, Planning & Funding

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