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Dear Andrew,

Re: Official Information Act Request

I refer to your Official Information Act request received on 20 December 2021 in which you specifically requested the following:

- **Guidelines/procedure for investigating possible Colonic Motility Dysfunction/Defecatory Disorders/Anorectal Dysfunction**

SCDHB's response: If a GP suspects any of the above, they write an ERMS referral to the General Surgical Department. The patient is then seen in clinic or booked for direct access to an endoscopy and we investigate and take further action, if deemed appropriate.

- **What are the official Guidelines/procedures for urgent X-rays (24 hour)**

SCDHB's response: Please refer to attachments.

- **What are the Guidelines/procedures for patients repeatedly admitted to Emergency Department with severe epigastric pain/ and upper right and left quadrant pain?**

SCDHB's response: South Canterbury DHB does not hold any specific guidelines/procedures in relation to the above; therefore, we decline your request under section s18 (e) of the Official Information Act because the information does not exist.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review of our decision by the Ombudsman. The Ombudsman's Office can be contacted on 0800 802 602 or on-line at <http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz/>

Kind regards
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