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Dear Andrew

RE Official information request CDHB 10787

We refer to 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. Specifically:

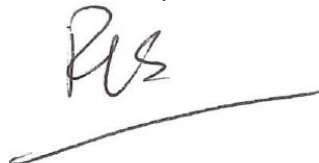
1. **“What are the official Guidelines/procedures for urgent X-rays (24 hour)”**
2. **“What are the Guidelines/procedures for patients repeatedly admitted to Emergency Department with severe epigastric pain/ and upper right and left quadrant pain”**
3. **“Guidelines/procedure for investigating possible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

We are working on our response to your request, however, right now the work involved for dealing with Omicron for our health system must take priority.

This means that a response to the request cannot reasonably be made within the original time limit. The Canterbury DHB therefore requires further time prior to issuing our response. The period of the extension is until 25 February 2022.

We are permitted to make this extension under Section 15A of the Official Information Act 1982 and you have the right to complain to the Ombudsman about our decision to extend the time for responding.

Yours sincerely



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Canterbury DHB and West Coast DHB