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Dear Andrew

**RE Official Information Act request CDHB 10777 & WCDHB 9644**

We are writing to acknowledge your four emails dated 25 November 2021 to the Ministry of Health which they subsequently transferred to us on 9 December 2021 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act from Canterbury DHB and West Coast DHB. Specifically:

1. **Please provide Guidelines/Procedures for the management of postoperative Urinary Retention (POUR)"**
2. **Please provide Guidelines/procedure for the management/prevention of persistent Postsurgical Pain"**
3. **Please provide Guidelines/procedure in the treatment of patients after a suicide attempt and/or suicidal ideation"**
4. **Please provide Guidelines/procedure differentiating subtypes of primary (idiopathic) constipation"**

We will consider your request against the provisions of the Official Information Act (see overleaf) 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.

Accordingly, we will notify you no later than 28 January 2022 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](mailto:Kathleen.Smitheram@cdhb.health.nz); phone (03) 364-4134).

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  
Team Leader  
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*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.]*