

25 March 2022

K Roe

By email: [fyi-request-18692-ab88cecc@requests.fyi.org.nz](mailto:fyi-request-18692-ab88cecc@requests.fyi.org.nz)

Dear K Roe,

**Re: Official Information Act Request**

I refer to your Official Information Act request received on 28<sup>th</sup> February 2022 in which you specifically requested the following:

**I am interested to know how much money the South Canterbury District Health Board paid to the South African Orthopaedics hire who was here for 1 week before his children were killed and his wife was taken into involuntary confinement by the Canterbury District Health Board in Hillmorton.**

**1. Was he paid for 1 week's work at a 1 FTE Orthopaedics consultant or something else?**

SCDHB's response: South Canterbury District Health Board cannot provide a response to your request due to breaching privacy. Therefore, we refuse your request under section 9 (a) of the Official Information Act to protect the privacy of natural persons.

**2. What was the duration of his employment?**

SCDHB's response: Please refer to response 1.

**3. Is he still on payroll?**

SCDHB's response: Please refer to response 1.

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

Sophie Lyons  
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**South Canterbury DHB**