



# *West Coast District Health Board*

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Dear Ms Lynch

**Re: Official Information Request WCDHB 8412**

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act (1982), dated 24 May 2015 and transferred to us from the Ministry of Health requesting the following information.

- **How much money is spent annually on the purchase of hollow-bore needles for use in the NZ public healthcare system, and who is the provider of these supplies?**
- **What are the numbers and types of hollow-bore needles purchased annually for use in public health?**
- **How many public health care workers, who have experienced a needle stick injury while in the workplace, test positive for Hepatitis B Virus (HBV), Hepatitis C Virus (HCV), and/or the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) annually?**
- **Does the Ministry have any plans and/or policies in place to reduce instances of needle stick injuries in the public healthcare system?**

As required under the Official Information Act (1982), the West Coast District Health Board will respond to your request within 20 working days. You should therefore receive a response on or before 25 June 2015.

If a large amount of information has been requested or if the West Coast District Health Board needs to consult in order to make a decision, we may need to extend this date (this is provided for in section 15A of the Act) We will advise you if such an extension is necessary.

Yours sincerely

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