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Email: [fyi-request-6576-39162298@requests.fyi.org.nz](mailto:fyi-request-6576-39162298@requests.fyi.org.nz);

Dear Jason

**RE Official information request CDHB 9706**

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your Official Information Act request dated 20 September 2017 requesting the following information from the Canterbury District Health Board.

- **I would like information about the Christchurch Methadone Program / Christchurch Opioid Recovery Service staff reporting OST patients to the New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA) or NZ Police when they screen positive for other drugs, in particular cannabis.**
- **How many patients have been reported to the NZTA or NZ police by staff at the Christchurch Methadone Program / Christchurch Opioid Recovery Service in the last 5 years for screening positive for cannabis? Please provide a breakdown by year.**
- **I would also like any memos, emails, directives, instructions, guidelines, policies etc regarding the reporting of patients to the NZTA or NZ Police for positive urine screens for cannabis and other drugs. I am not asking for confidential patient information.**

We will endeavour to respond to your request as soon as possible and in any event no later than 18 October 2017, being 20 working days after the day your request was received. If we are unable to respond to your request by then, we will notify you of an extension of that timeframe.

Your request is being handled by Lara Williams. If you have any queries, please feel free to contact either myself (details above) or Lara. (Phone 03 364 4140 or [Lara.Williams2@cdhb.health.nz](mailto:Lara.Williams2@cdhb.health.nz)).

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



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