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Antony Andrews

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Dear Antony

RE Official information request CDHB 9775 and WCDHB 9079

I refer to your email dated 15 January 2018 requesting information under section 12 of the Official Information Act from Canterbury DHB and West Coast DHB.

1. Bed occupancy rates at the public hospital/hospitals from July 2007 to June 2016. Please note that I would like monthly data on this. However, if monthly data is not available, please specify the reason.

If monthly data is unavailable, the next preference will be quarterly data, if quarterly is not available then I will accept half-yearly. Furthermore, as last resort yearly data.

I am also willing to accept data on bed occupancy rates at random intervals within a year.

There is extensive work required to provide you with a comprehensive response which means that a proper response to the request cannot reasonably be made within the original time limit.

We therefore require further time prior to issuing our responses. The period of the extension is until 27 February 2018 however we will endeavour to get the responses to you before that date.

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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