

29 May 2020

Nigel Gray

By email: fyi-request-12827-83ab6f33@requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear Nigel

**Re: Official Information Act Request**

I refer to your Official Information Act request received on 21 May 2020 in which you specifically requested the following:

**Given that Electroconvulsive Treatment has been used as a method of torture historically in New Zealand, can you please inform me of the precise number of these devices in NZ hospitals in present time?**

South Canterbury DHB do not have any of these devices used for Electroconvulsive Treatment.

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



Dawne Tuite  
Administrator  
SC District Health Board