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K Roe

**Email:** [Fyi-request-14677-99dce613@requests.fyi.org.nz](mailto:Fyi-request-14677-99dce613@requests.fyi.org.nz)

Dear K Roe

**RE Official Information Act request CDHB 10627**

We are writing to acknowledge your email dated 25 May to Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) which they subsequently partially transferred to us on 9 June 2021 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act from Canterbury DHB regarding people who are quarantined as they re-enter New Zealand and are referred to our Specialist Mental Health Services (SMHS). Specifically questions 2, 3 and 4 as laid out below:

- 2. And, from quarantine, some will be labelled 'psychiatrically disturbed' and they will go from quarantine into psychiatric facilities.**
- 3. I am wondering how many people have gone into quarantine and then been involuntarily detained by one of the District Health Boards to be a psychiatric inpatient. Whether the District Health Board has filled out the paperwork for them to be lawfully held involuntarily or whether the District Health Board claims that they voluntarily chose to give up their freedom and comply with directive to go do psychiatric detention.**
- 4. I am wondering how many might still be retained in government institutions?**

We will consider your request against the provisions of the Official Information Act (see below) and advise you of our decision regarding the release of information within 20 working days (being the statutory timeframe provided within the Act.)

Accordingly, we will notify you no later than 8 July 2021 of our decision.

Your request is being handled by Kathleen Smitheram. If you have any queries, please feel free to contact either myself (details above) or Kathleen. ([Kathleen.smitheram@cdhb.health.nz](mailto:Kathleen.smitheram@cdhb.health.nz) Ph 364 4134).

Please refer to the OIA number above when phoning or emailing. 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

Ralph La Salle  
**Acting Executive Director**  
**Planning, Funding & Decision Support**

15 Decisions on requests

(1) Subject to this Act, the department or Minister of the Crown or organisation to whom a request is made in accordance with [section 12](#) or is transferred in accordance with [section 14](#) of this Act or [section 12](#) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 shall, as soon as reasonably practicable, and in any case not later than 20 working days after the day on which the request is received by that department or Minister of the Crown or organisation,—

(1)(a) decide whether the request is to be granted and, if it is to be granted, in what manner and for what charge (if any); and

(1)(b) give or post to the person who made the request notice of the decision on the request

[If we are unable to make a decision on your request by the date noted above, we will notify you of an extension of that timeframe.]