18 June 2021

Elodie Green

By email: fyi-request-15090-dbc8f211@requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear Elodie,

**Re: Official Information Act Request**

South Canterbury DHB have received an OIA request. I therefore refer to the Official Information Act request received on 06 April 2021 in which you specifically requested the following:

**For all of your Mental Health health services including Child and adolescent metal health; adult mental health, emergency, acute, crisis response; elderly, I would like the following:**

**• Number of new entries people/cases per month, by age group (five year bands if possible\*), 2015 – 2020 calendar year • Number of people with cases open at month end, by age group (five year bands), 2015 – 2020 calendar year • Number of people exiting per month, by age group (five year bands if possible\*), 2015 – 2020 calendar year**

**For the DHB:**

**• Number of hospitalisations for mental health per year, emergency and non-emergency, by age group (five year bands), 2015 – 2020 calendar year • Number of people waitlisted to see a psychologist per year, by age group (five year bands), 2015 – 2020 calendar year • Number of people seeing a psychologist, per year, by age group (five year bands), 2015 – 2020 calendar year • Number of psychologists employed by the DHB at year end (split by part time, full time, contracted) by year, 2015 – 2020 calendar year**

**\*Five year bands are ideally 0 – 5, 6 – 10, 11 -15, 16- 20, 21 – 25, 26 -30, etc. If there is too much suppression in those age bands can it please be in ten year age bands.**

The OIA Act requires that we advise you of our decision on your request no later than 20 working days after the day we received your request. We sent you an extension letter for this OIA dated 03 May. Unfortunately, it will not be possible to meet that extended time limit and we are therefore writing to notify you of an extension of the time to 25 June 2021. This extension is necessary due to members of staff who would provide such data/information being on leave for an extended period of time.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

If you wish to discuss any aspect of your request with us, including this decision, please feel free to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Stefanie Green

SLT Administrator

**South Canterbury DHB**