

21 February 2022

Paul Blackham

By email: fyi-request-18402-08045448@requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear Paul,

Re: Official Information Act Request

I refer to your Official Information Act request received on 1 February 2022 in which you specifically requested the following:

- **I am seeking the number of people that have visited any/all hospitals and doctor's surgeries within the SCDHB for any/all heart related issues, (including but not limited to pericarditis, myocarditis, heart attacks and strokes). The data requested is for the 11 month period from February 2021 until December 2021 inclusive, displayed in month by month format, and compared to the monthly data for the previous three years.**

SCDHB's response: South Canterbury DHB responds partially due to the fact we hold no diagnostic data for presentations to General Practice's or outpatient hospital services; therefore, we partially decline your request under section 18 (g) of the Official Information Act because the information is not held. Please refer to appendix A.

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

Sophie Lyons
SLT Administrator
South Canterbury DHB

Appendix A:

Hospital Discharges by Month - Cardiac Principal Diagnosis

Timaru Hospital - January 2019 to December 2021

Month	Discharges
Jan-19	40
Feb-19	54
Mar-19	46
Apr-19	56
May-19	41
Jun-19	54
Jul-19	53
Aug-19	48
Sep-19	55
Oct-19	61
Nov-19	57
Dec-19	49
Jan-20	67
Feb-20	38
Mar-20	48
Apr-20	37
May-20	58
Jun-20	56
Jul-20	49
Aug-20	55
Sep-20	59
Oct-20	64
Nov-20	56
Dec-20	47
Jan-21	38
Feb-21	39
Mar-21	53
Apr-21	37
May-21	52
Jun-21	55
Jul-21	34
Aug-21	53
Sep-21	63
Oct-21	37
Nov-21	38
Dec-21	64