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OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT (OIA) REQUEST CDHB/G 9081a

We refer to your request dated 30 April 2015 under the Official Information Act (1982) requesting the following information relating to Canterbury District Health Board:

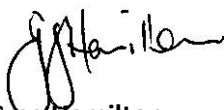
- **Copies of all staff hospitality/conflict of interest forms submitted during 2014.**

Staff employed by Canterbury DHB (CDHB) are expected to maintain appropriate professional standards and relationships with other services and providers at all times. The CDHB expects its clinical staff to act ethically and appropriately in prescribing medications as part of the professional standards required under their registration and according to the practitioner's competency requirements. This requires the identification and declaration of any actual or potential conflict of interest that may occur in their day to day business activities or contact.

Please see the CDHB policy on staff accepting gifts and hospitality (attached as **appendix one**). This policy applies to all circumstances where individuals have received gifts in any form or nature. This entails staff to declare gifts and hospitality (declaration from attached as **appendix two**). All such staff declarations are held at a Head of Department/Service Manager level and this information is not currently held in a central repository.

The CDHB is therefore declining to provide an answer on the number of staff who have accepted gifts under Section 18(f) of the OIA on the basis that: "... the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation or research." In the event that you disagree with our decision you may, under section 28(3) of the Act, seek an investigation and review of our decision from the Ombudsman.

Yours sincerely



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