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Dear Ms Whitlock

Official Information Act request CDHB 9213 and WCDHB 8538

We refer to your email dated 7 September 2015 and transferred to us from the Ministry of Health on 14 September 2015 requesting the following information under section 12 of the Official Information Act 1982 from both Canterbury DHB and West Coast DHB.

- ***Which of the 20 DHBs; currently deliver services against the “Maternity Services – DHB funded Pregnancy and Parenting information and education Tier 2 Service Specification”?***
- ***And how long has the Pregnancy and Parenting information and education service been in place within those identified DHBs and what are the names of the providers who deliver those services?***

Both Canterbury DHB and West Coast DHB have delivered Pregnancy and Parenting Education (often called Childbirth education or Antenatal Classes) for many years.

Canterbury and West Coast DHBs have made a variety of changes within current services to meet the requirements of the revised PPIE (Pregnancy and Parenting information and education) service specifications; however, we recognised that our current delivery models are not sufficient to get maximum value for pregnant mothers and their whanau.

This led to Canterbury DHB and West Coast DHB instigating RFPs (Request for Proposals) on 11 August 2015 (lodged on GETS) to identify the suitable organisations to provide this service for each DHB.

The RFPs closed on 8 September 2015 and we are currently assessing those proposals with a view to commencing the new services from 1 January 2016 for both DHBs.

Yours sincerely

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