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Ms Megan Rae
JustSpeak

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Dear Ms Rae

Re: Official Information Act Request

I refer to your Official Information Act request received by email on 22 January 2016 in which you requested the following:

I am writing to request information regarding the waiting lists for prisoners requiring inpatient mental health treatment through the Otago/Southland regional forensic service. Specifically, I would like to know the total number of prisoners placed on the waiting list for inpatient services during the course of the most recent year you have records for; the length of time, in days, each prisoner spent on the waiting list.

We enclose a waiting list for potential admission to Ward 9A at Wakari Hospital, Dunedin. There is no one from Invercargill Prison on this list because, ordinarily, Invercargill Prison will transfer any patient needing possible admission to Otago Corrections Facility, for the Otago team to manage until a bed becomes available at Ward 9A.

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/>.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Carole Heatly". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Carole Heatly
Chief Executive Officer

Cc: Louise Travers, General Manager – Mental Health, Addictions and Intellectual Disability Directorate



Waiting List for potential admission to Ward 9A

There were a total of 16 prisoners placed on waiting lists in 2014-2015. Please see the below table for a breakdown of the length of time each individual prisoner spent on the waiting list:

Year referred	Length of time broken down by individual prisoner
2014	9 days
	9 days
2015	Did not require admission
	2 days
	Did not require admission
	Did not require admission
	Did not require admission
	13 days
	7 days
	4 days
	Did not require admission
	2 days
	48 days
	Did not require admission
	6 days
	41 days