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Dear Ms Black

Re: Official Information Act Request

I refer to your Official Information Act request received by email on 5 July 2017 in which you specifically requested the following:

I am currently researching best practice in regards to security at adult mental health inpatient units across the country. Particularly looking at the use of security cameras within mental health inpatient units. To assist with this I would like to request:

- 1. Does the Southern District Health Board "Inpatient Mental Health Unit" currently have security cameras operating within the hospital area? I define hospital area as including: the reception area, main patient leisure areas, occupational therapy spaces, seclusion rooms, intensive care or high dependency areas. This excludes any cameras operating outside of the inpatient unit treatment areas such as car parks, public hospital grounds.***

Yes, security cameras operate within the inpatient mental health unit areas.

- 2. If the inpatient unit does have cameras operating may you please provide the following information:***

a) When were the cameras installed?

Wakari Hospital, Dunedin - 1992 onwards

Southland Hospital, Invercargill – 2003

b) Where are the cameras located?

This information is being withheld under section 9(2)(c) of the Official Information Act, in order to avoid prejudice to measures protecting the health or safety of members of the public.

c) How many cameras are operating?

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d) "Seclusion, Restraint and Assault" reporting data for one year prior to the installation of any security cameras.

This data is no longer available due to the length of time since installation.

e) "Seclusion, Restraint and Assault" reporting data for one year after the installation of any security cameras.

This data is no longer available due to the length of time since installation

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 blue ink, appearing to read 'Chris Fleming', written over a faint horizontal line.

Chris Fleming
Chief Executive Officer