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Jason

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Dear Jason

RE Official information request CDHB 9704

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 12 September 2017 requesting the following information under section 12 of the Official Information Act from Canterbury DHB.

- 1. How many methadone dispensing errors have been reported by pharmacists in the CDHB region in the last five years?**
 - a. What was the result of said errors? (Did it result in death, overdose etc.)**

- 2. I would also like any information available about, including reasoning and justification for the policy of diluting methadone takeaways in Canterbury as it appears to be a policy unique to Canterbury and not in line with the rest of New Zealand. I would also like to know why this policy overrides the instructions of doctors who request methadone not to be diluted with water.**

We will endeavour to respond to your request as soon as possible and in any event no later than 10 October 2017, being 20 working days after the day your request was received. If we are unable to respond to your request by then, we will notify you of an extension of that timeframe.

Your request is being handled by Kathleen Smitheram. If you have any queries, please feel free to contact either myself (details above) or Kathleen. (Phone 03 364 4134 or Kathleen.smitheram@cdhb.health.nz;

If any additional factors come to light which are relevant to your request, please do not hesitate to contact us so that these can be taken into account.

Yours sincerely



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