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Health Sector Workers Network

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Dear Health Sector Workers Network

RE Official information request CDHB 9758

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 11 December 2017, requesting the following information under section 12 of the Official Information Act pertaining to Canterbury DHB Restraint Policy and the use of mechanical restraints in all services.

Can you please provide?

1. All policy documents relating to restraint practices at Canterbury DHB?
2. Are there instances in the last year (June 2016 to June 2017) of the use of mechanical restraints? (i.e. strapping arms to bed) this is also referred to as physical restraint.
3. Can you please provide this data for both physical and mental health services and identify the service associated with this data?

This data should be recorded in a Restraint Register and specify the type of restraint used (ie wrist strap) and the start and finish times of each individual physical restraint. Obviously the presentation of this data should be anonymised for the protection of privacy.

We will endeavour to respond to your request as soon as possible and in any event no later than 30 January 2018, being 20 working days after the day your request was received. **Please note:** there is an official down time for Official Information Act requests/responses between 22 December 2017 and 15 January 2018. 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. Please refer to the OIA number above when phoning or emailing. (Kathleen.smitheram@cdhb.health.nz) Phone 03 364 4134).

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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