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RE Official Information Act (the "Act") request CDHB 9862

We refer to your email received in our office on 21 May 2018 requesting the following information under section 12 of the Official Information Act (the 'Act') from Canterbury DHB.

- **All communication and documentation pertaining to the plans for Princess Margaret Hospital and grounds,**

Canterbury's regional Specialist Mental Health Services for the South Island will be relocated from The Princess Margaret Hospital to new facilities at the Hillmorton Campus. The Indicative Business Case for the relocation has been approved and the next step is completing a Detailed Business Case which will decide the preferred option and work out the details and timelines. In the meantime, the remaining services (being the Mothers and Baby Unit, Child Adolescent and Family services, Eating Disorders and Seager Clinic) will continue operating from The Princess Margaret Hospital site.

The "*Indicative business case (IBC) for the on-going delivery of specialist mental health services in Canterbury - 21 February 2018*" is available on the Ministry of Health website.

<https://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/hospital-redevelopment-projects/christchurch-hospital-redevelopment-project/specialist-mental-health-services-relocation-christchurch-hospital-redevelopment-project>

This document contains some redactions for reasons of commercial sensitivity and confidentiality. The executive summary notes the objective of vacating, decommissioning, and ultimately selling The Princess Margaret Hospital site.

We are otherwise declining to provide you with all other communication and documentation pertaining to the plans for The Princess Margaret Hospital under section 18(f) of the Act i.e. "*...the information cannot be made available without substantial collation or research*". We trust however that the information provided in the IBC sufficiently addresses your request.

- **Including anything related to divesting of the asset through sale etc.**

As noted above, the objective is to vacate, decommission and ultimately sell The Princess Margaret Hospital site. However the land cannot be sold until such time as the remaining Specialist Mental Health Services are relocated. We await completion of the Detailed Business Case to understand the details and timelines. Once the remaining services are relocated, Canterbury DHB can commence the disposal process.

The disposal process is prescribed by statute (the New Zealand Public Health and Disability Act) and requires, amongst other things, the land to be declared surplus to requirements, public consultation, Canterbury DHB Board and Minister of Health approval. The land is “relevant land” for the purposes of the Ngai Tahu Claims Settlement Act and Ngai Tahu have first right of refusal to purchase (after any “offer back” obligations under the Public Works Act have first been dealt with).

Canterbury DHB has not yet undertaken any formal steps towards disposal and will not do so until it has clear timeframes for the relocation of the remaining specialist mental health services.

We are unable to provide you with anything further relating to the disposal at this time on the basis that no information is held (section 18(e) of the Act) or where held, it cannot be provided because it would likely prejudice the commercial position of the Canterbury DHB (section 9(2)(b)(ii) of the Act). We trust however that the information provided above sufficiently addresses your request.

If you disagree with our decision to withhold information you may, under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act, seek an investigation and review of our decision from the Ombudsman.

I trust that this satisfies your interest in this matter.

Please note that this response, or an edited version of this response, may be published on the Canterbury DHB website.

Yours sincerely



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