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RE Official information request CDHB 9893

We refer to your email dated 9 July 2018 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act from Canterbury DHB.

- **All minutes to date (as of today) of meetings from the two action groups formed to solve staff safety issues at Te Awakura, Hillmorton's acute mental health inpatient unit.**

The Canterbury DHB is declining your request under the following sections of the Official Information Act.

- Section 9(2)(ba)(i) OIA – *the information is subject to an obligation of confidence, in that participants in the group would expect the discussions to remain confidential, or only be circulated as operationally necessary and*
- Section 9(2)(g)(i) – *free and frank expression of opinion – the members need to be able to have robust discussion and provide their views, and not be constrained in those views, which would be likely if the minutes are published.*

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.

Please note that this response, or an edited version of this response, may be published on the Canterbury DHB website ten working days after your receipt of this response.

Yours sincerely



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