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Dear [REDACTED]

Re: OIA request – patient transfers following Christchurch tragedy

Thank you for your Official Information Act request received 9 April 2019 seeking the following of Waitemata District Health Board (DHB):

- *“...please provide information about what cases were transferred to your hospital/s from Christchurch as a result of the impact of the mosque terror attacks on March 15. Without breaching personal privacy, please include the general nature of the patient injuries you received and treated, the age and sex of the patient/s, and their date of arrival and length of stay.”*

In response, I can advise that Waitemata DHB did not receive any patient transfers from Canterbury DHB as a result of the shootings on 15 March. While our DHB was on standby to assist in the national response coordinated by the Ministry of Health as requested, the movement of patients from Christchurch to our hospitals was ultimately not required.

I trust that this information meets your requirements. Waitemata DHB, like other agencies across the state sector, supports the open disclosure of information to assist the public's understanding of how we are delivering publicly-funded healthcare.

This includes the proactive publication of anonymised Official Information Act responses on our website from 10 working days after they have been released.

If you feel that there are good reasons why your response should not be made publicly available, we will be happy to consider this.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Cath'.

Cath Cronin
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Waitemata District Health Board