



# *West Coast District Health Board*

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### **RE Official Information Act request WCDHB 9122**

I refer to your letter dated 13 April 2018 to Ministry of Health which was subsequently transferred to us on 18 April 2017 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act from West Coast DHB.

- 1. A breakdown of what specifically has been reported stolen/missing by each District Health Board from 2015-2018 (e.g., hospital gowns, PlayStations, wheelchairs).**
- 2. A breakdown of the estimated cost of what has been reported stolen/missing by each District Health Board from 2015-2018.**

West Coast DHB does not hold a central register for recording items stolen from our premises to be able to answer your questions specifically, but we note that we do not have an issue with property theft. Any such thefts are monitored at individual departmental level, which are small enough that missing equipment would be readily identified – but apart from one old, disused wooden set of drawers removed from a corridor at Grey Base Hospital in 2017, none have reported anything of significance in recent years. The disused drawers removed in 2017 were of no asset value, so its removal was not reported to Police.

Additionally, stocktakes of equipment are done annually, and these have not yielded anything significant in the way for theft from our facilities. Dispensed medication supplies are strictly controlled and monitored.

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 West Coast DHB website.

Yours sincerely

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