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RE Official information request WCDHB 9150

We refer to your email dated 7 June 2018 requesting the following information under section 12 of the Official Information Act (the 'Act') from West Coast DHB.

Regarding delays building the new Greymouth hospital, can you tell me please?

1. How does it impact operationally on the West Coast DHB?

The existing facility is old, difficult to maintain and doesn't facilitate the delivery of contemporary models of care. The West Coast District Health Board has nevertheless made a number of changes in the way it works and delivers care over the past several years, in line with its strategic direction on delivering care closer to home and keeping people well at home.

Examples of this include the integration of the Assessment, Treatment and Rehabilitation into Morice Ward, and the changes and improvements to Maternity care and LMCs in the community. The bulk of the changes made so far are those that were not dependent on the new facility.

Further service improvements are now constrained until the new facility is complete. For example, the integration of primary care onto the same site as secondary care to provide seamless and integrated care between general practice and hospital care. The West Coast DHB must also deliver a contracted amount of elective procedures through the year on an annual basis, and planning is increasingly difficult.

Further, the delays of the new facility potentially impact the wellbeing of our staff as rostering shifts and enabling staff to book leave is uncertain, as we attempt to plan for migration to the new facility.

2. How does it impact financially?

The West Coast DHB must, in the meantime, continue to ensure that the existing facilities are serviced and kept running. As stated, they are old, difficult to maintain, and inefficient to heat and service. The efficiencies and reduced maintenance costs that we expect with a new facility are not being realised.

3. How much is this delay costing?

It is estimated that delays in the new facility becoming available for use costs approximately \$50,000 per month.

4. What is unbudgeted maintenance on the current hospital costing?

Unbudgeted maintenance currently sits at \$30, 000. Please note efficiency assumptions (i.e. reduced costs) with regard to operating from the new facility have not been included in the current budget because of these delays.

5. Where are you finding this money from?

This money comes from the West Coast DHB's allocation of VoteHealth funding. There is no additional funding to cover these costs as a result of delays.

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 ten working days after your receipt of this response.

Yours sincerely



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