



# *West Coast District Health Board*

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### **RE Official information request WCDHB 9174**

We refer to your email dated 22 July 2018 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act from West Coast DHB regarding the incidence of Motor Neurone Disease.

- **Do you have high stats like the rest of NZ?**

The West Coast District Health Board does not keep a register of people in our region living with specific diseases and we are therefore unable to provide an accurate estimate of local prevalence of Motor Neuron Disease.

The West Coast DHB does record the diagnosis if and when a patient is admitted to a DHB facility. For the West Coast DHB in the last five financial years (2013/14 to 2017/18) there have been 11 individuals who have presented to one of our facilities and had a diagnosis of Motor Neuron Disease recorded.

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 ten working days after your receipt of this response.

Yours sincerely

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