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Dear Maqymseahē

Official Information Act Request – OIA 13074 Cerebral Palsy and Pain Management

Under section 14 of the Official Information Act, the Whanganui District Health Board (WDHB) received a partial transfer of your request from the Ministry of Health on 18 August 2020. You requested the following information in relation to Cerebral Palsy and Pain Management

I am currently doing some research in to Cerebral palsy and Pain Management. I live with Cerebral Palsy and pain. I was wondering if the Ministry of Health could answer me the following questions.

1. What pain management services are available to children with Cerebral Palsy?
2. What pain management services are available to adults with Cerebral Palsy?
3. How are these services accessed?
4. Are these services available to all New Zealanders or only in some parts of the country?"

The Whanganui District Health Board response:

1. What pain management services are available to children with Cerebral Palsy?

- Specialist paediatric acute and outpatient services.
- Specialist pain service.

2. What pain management services are available to adults with Cerebral Palsy?

- Specialist pain service.

3. How are these services accessed?

These services are accessed via referral from GP or acute presentation to emergency department; via paediatric home care nursing service.

4. Are these services available to all New Zealanders or only in some parts of the country?"

These services are available in all parts of the country.

Should you have any further queries about the above information, please contact our OIA co-ordinator Anne Phoenix at anne.phoenix@wdhb.org.nz

Yours sincerely

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