Wednesday, 10 June 2020

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Re: Official Information Act Request - Number of electroconvulsive devices at Gisborne Hospital

Kia ora [redacted]

I am writing on behalf of Hauora Tairāwhiti in response to your official information request which was partially transferred to us by the Ministry of Health.

You asked:

> *Given that Electroconvulsive Treatment has been used as a method of torture historically in New Zealand, can you please inform me of the precise number of these devices in NZ hospitals at present time?*

Hauora Tairāwhiti's response is as follows:

> There are no electroconvulsive treatment devices in Gisborne Hospital at the time of this response.

If you are not satisfied with this response you may contact the Office of the Ombudsmen, phone 0800 802 602.

Please note this response or an edited version of this response may be published on the Hauora Tairāwhiti DHB website. Your personal/identifying information will be redacted from any responses published. If you feel that there are good reasons why your response should not be made publicly available, we will be happy to consider this.

Ngā mihi

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