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Re: Official Information Request for Treatment Protocols

I refer to your official information requests dated 24 November 2021 and transferred to Auckland DHB 22 December for the following information:

- 1) Guidelines/procedure for investigating possible Colonic Motility Dysfunction/Defecatory Disorders/Anorectal Dysfunction
- 2) What are the Guidelines/procedures for patients repeatedly admitted to Emergency Department with severe epigastric pain/ and upper right and left quadrant pain
- 3) What are the official Guidelines/procedures for urgent X-rays (24 hour)

Response

1) Anorectal Dysfunction

See Attachment 1. Anorectal Malformations and Attachment 2. Proctitis 2020 ASHS
We are refusing your request for Guidelines/procedures for investigating possible Colonic Motility
Dysfunction/Defactory Disorders as we do not hold this information.

2) Severe epigastric pain/ and upper right and left quadrant pain

We are refusing your request for Guidelines/procedures for patients repeatedly admitted to Emergency Department with severe epigastric pain/ and upper right and left quadrant pain as we do not hold this information.

3) Urgent X-rays (24 hour)

See Attachment 3. Radiology-Fast-Track-Chest-X-Ray-AED-and-APU_2018-02-13, Attachment 4. X-Ray-Requests-By-Nurses_2020-02-18 and Attachment 5 Observation and Monitoring in AED/CDU

Those parts of your request that are refused are done so citing under s18(e) Official Information Act – the information requested does not exist.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that this response, or an edited version of this response, may be published on the Auckland DHB website.

Yours sincerely,

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Ailsa Claire, OBE Chief Executive

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Attachment 1. Anorectal Malformations

Attachment 2. Proctitis 2020 ASHS

Attachment 3. Radiology-Fast-Track-Chest-X-Ray-AED-and-APU_2018-02-13

Attachment 4. X-Ray-Requests-By-Nurses_2020-02-18

Attachment 5. Observation and Monitoring in AED-CDU