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(name and contact details redacted)

Dear (name redacted)

YOUR OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT (1982) REQUEST HBDHB REF: OIA2020114

I refer to your Official Information Act request transferred to Hawke's Bay District Health Board (HBDHB) by the Ministry of Health on 18 August 2020. Your questions and HBDHB's response is provided below:

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

The DHB does not have a specific pain management service for children with Cerebral Palsy (CP). However, consideration for pain management is included in a child's paediatric review. The child may be referred for physiotherapy or occupational therapy (e.g. for positioning), or for pharmaceutical input. Where more pain management support is required, HBDHB clinicians liaise with Starship's national paediatric pain services to ensure the best pain management plans are in place for these patients.

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

Hawke's Bay DHB provides an acute pain service, supported by a team of anaesthetists and nursing staff who have a special interest in acute pain management. Chronic pain services are provided by a community-based provider, Proactive Rehab Ltd.

3. *How are these services accessed?*

For children please refer to response provided to question 1 above. Adults with CP, referred by their GP or doctor to the community-based chronic pain service, can receive support from the following disciplines as required: physiotherapist, psychologist, registered nurse, dietician, clinical pharmacist and relevant medical specialists.

I trust this information meets your needs. If you would like any further information or clarification please phone me. If you are not satisfied with this response you may contact the Office of the Ombudsman, phone 0800 802 602.

Please note that this response, or an edited version, may be published on Hawke's Bay DHB's website after your receipt of this response.

Yours sincerely

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