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Medical papers found in street

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Confidential medical documents were found in a Christchurch street after they fell off the back of a truck.

Canterbury District Health Board (CDHB) chief executive David Meates said a bin of personal medical records and patient notes was being taken for disposal when some documents fell off near the intersection of Bealey Ave and Barbadoes St yesterday.

He said the documents were not being transported by the board, but were from a private medical centre.

The documents had been collected in a secure bin on the back of a locked truck, which belonged to a document-destruction company.

"Unfortunately, during transport the locked back door of the truck and the bin's lid opened, resulting in some of the documents being released on to the road," Meates said.

"The driver stopped immediately and proceeded to collect the documents.

"Some members of the public also stopped to help collect them."