

## Corporate Services



9 April 2020



Dear [REDACTED]

### **YOUR OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT (1982) REQUEST HBDHB REF: OIA2020029**

I refer to your Official Information Act request dated 7 February 2020 where you requested information from Hawke's Bay District Health Board (HBDHB). Your questions and HBDHB's response is provided below:

1. *The number of youth/patients admitted to adult mental health units such as Ngā Rau Rākau within the last 5 years.*

Over the past five years there have been 146 admissions involving 136 people (some were admitted more than once) to HBDHB's acute mental health inpatient unit.

Please note, 'youth' was interpreted as being people aged 0 to 17 years of age.

2. *The length of stay for youth/patients admitted to adult mental health units such as Ngā Rau Rākau such as average time, shortest time and longest time within the last 5 years.*

Over this period and for people aged 0-17 years :-

Average Length of Stay	= 3 days
Shortest Length Of Stay	= less than 1 day
Longest Length Of Stay	= 28 days

3. *The number of reportable assaults/incidences on staff by youth/patients in adult mental health units such as Ngā Rau Rākau within the last 5 years.*

Information about assaults on staff is collected, however neither the identity nor the age of the perpetrator (or patient) is. Therefore, in this instance and under section 18 (g) of the Official Information Act relating to information not held, HBDHB is unable to provide the information requested, as it does not exist.

4. *The number of youth/patients admitted to other youth mental health units around the country from Hawke's Bay and the length of time before returning to their whānau within the last 5 years.*

For the period requested, refer to the information below regarding the number of youth/patients admitted to other mental health units:

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Number of people	= 56
Average length of stay	= 44 days
Shortest Length Of Stay	= 3 days
Longest Length Of Stay	= 307 days

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 of this response, may be published on the Hawke's Bay DHB website after your receipt of this response.

Yours sincerely



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