

28 February 2020

Dear [REDACTED]

**YOUR OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT (1982) REQUEST HBDHB REF: OIA2020022**

I refer to your Official Information Act request, transferred in part to all DHBs by the Ministry of Health on 30 January 2020. Your questions and HBDHB's response is provided below:

1. *How many people were put on a waitlist to access detox and rehab addiction services each year over the past four years (2016 – 2019)?*

Please refer to the table below:

Year	Number of referrals to waitlist
2016	308
2017	317
2018	299
2019	271

2. *Can each year please be broken down into months ie the number of people each month put on a waitlist?*

Please refer to the table below:

Month	2016	2017	2018	2019
Jan	16	33	21	12
Feb	27	20	30	20
Mar	24	38	22	28
Apr	23	21	28	16
May	29	31	32	27
Jun	32	33	18	25
Jul	28	22	28	24
Aug	22	25	25	21
Sep	21	24	35	23
Oct	30	28	18	31
Nov	32	25	28	22
Dec	24	17	14	22

3. *Can the waitlist people please be broken down into category ie what service it was that they were wanting to access, and were subsequently waitlisted for?*

Please refer to the table below:

Service	Number of people
Addiction Services	1,050
Residential	134
Detox	11

4. *Can you please categorise these waitlisted people into wait times ie those who had to wait 5 weeks, 6 weeks, 7 weeks and so on...*

Please refer to the table below:


Time on waitlist - weeks	Number of people
2	630
3	170
4	100
5	54
6	59
7	41
8	23
9	26
10	26
11	24
12	10
>12	32

Please note that a number of factors determine time on waitlist, for example individual personal circumstances as well as acute and planned service demands.

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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