

18 November 2020

(name and contact details redacted)

Dear (name redacted)

## **YOUR OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT (1982) REQUEST HBDHB REF: OIA2020135**

I refer to your Official Information Act request dated 5 October 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 antidepressant prescriptions handed out at the DHB each year for the last five years (January to December 2016 to January 2020 to YTD), broken down by each hospital if more than one under the DHB.***
- 2. The number of people prescribed antidepressants under the DHB each year for the last five years (January to December 2016 to January 2020 to YTD), broken down by each hospital if more than one under the DHB.***
- 3. The number of antipsychotic prescriptions handed out at the DHB each year for the last five years (January to December 2016 to January 2020 to YTD), broken down by each hospital if more than one under the DHB.***
- 4. The number of people prescribed antipsychotic prescriptions under the DHB each year for the last five years (January to December 2016 to January 2020 to YTD), broken down by each hospital if more than one under the DHB.***

Hawke's Bay DHB understands your request related to inpatient medications administered by the DHB and excludes outpatient and community prescriptions. Hawke's Bay DHB utilise the paper based National Medication Chart to record patient medication and do not have electronic records of dispensing or administration to individual patients. Therefore it would require manual assessment of thousands of individuals medical records, over the five year period requested, to accurately provide this data.

We are unable to provide a breakdown on the use of antipsychotic or antidepressant as this information is not able to be identified at the individual patient level. Therefore under and sections 18 (g) (substantial collation) and 18 (f) (information not held) of the Official Information Act, decline to provide responses to question 1-4 above.

- 5. The number of admissions to the adult mental health inpatient unit each year for the last five years (January to December 2016 to January 2020 to YTD), broken down by each hospital if more than one under the DHB.***

Please refer to the table below for admissions to HBDHB's acute mental health inpatient unit.

<b>Year</b>	<b>Number of Admissions</b>
2016	556
2017	579
2018	489
2019	502

Year	Number of Admissions
2020*	439

\*To 31 October 2020

**6. The total amount of DHB funds allocated to the adult mental health inpatient each year for the last five years (January - December 2016 to January 2020 - YTD), with brief detail of what the money was being spent on each year.**

The budget allocated to the adult mental health unit for the five years (to December 2020) is shown in the table below.

Year	Annual Budget
2016	\$3,918,149
2017	\$4,017,691
2018	\$4,008,389
2019	\$4,401,611
2020	\$4,660,204

This funds:

- A 23 bed acute inpatient unit;
- A multi discipline team including nursing, allied therapy and psychiatric professionals;
- An Intensive Day Programme.

**7. The number of complaints relating to mental health care each year for the last five years (January - December 2016 to January 2020 - YTD), with a brief description of each complaint. Also a breakdown of the number of these complaints that were investigated.**

Please refer to Appendix One for a summary of complaints relating to mental health care. Hawke's Bay DHB encourages feedback, compliments and complaints on its services from patients, family and whānau; all complaints are investigated and responded to. The total number of these complaints received from 01.01.2016 to 30.09.2020 was 307; a yearly breakdown is shown in the table below.

Year	Number of complaints
2016	61
2017	79
2018	54
2019	65
2020	48

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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