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(name and contact details)

Dear (name redacted)

YOUR OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT (1982) REQUEST HBDHB REF: OIA2020156

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

- Date/numbers/figures of all incidents involving any DHB staff member (including contractors or casual workers) being harassed or, physically or verbally assaulted by a patient from any ward/area under the DHB's jurisdiction in the last three years to date **(07/12/2017 – 07/12/2020)**.

Events Reported by Year/Month for the period 07/12/2017 – 07/12/2020.	2017	2018	2019	2020
Month				
January		8	12	8
February		11	12	6
March		10	15	18
April		13	15	13
May		9	17	17
June		5	8	7
July		13	13	20
August		16	6	27
September		14	10	17
October		16	5	17
November		14	16	16
December	6	16	11	0
Total	6	145	140	166

Note 2017 year data is for the period 7/12/2017 – 31/12/2017.

Events by Person Affected for the period 07/12/2017 – 07/12/2020

Category	2017	2018	2019	2020
Employee	6	140	140	163
Affiliate (i.e. Contractor or Student)	0	5	0	3
Total	6	145	140	166

Note 2017 year data is for the period 7/12/2017 – 31/12/2017.

Events by specific incident type for the period 07/12/2017 – 07/12/2020

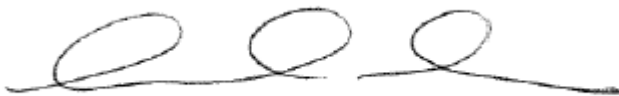
Incident Type	2017	2018	2019	2020
Abuse/assault – Physical	2	56	70	96
Abuse/assault – Verbal	4	81	69	67
Harassment	0	8	1	3
Total	6	145	140	166

Note 2017 year data is for the period 7/12/2017 – 31/12/2017.

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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