

19 February 2021

(Name and contact details redacted)

Dear (name redacted)

## **YOUR OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT (1982) REQUEST HBDHB REF: OIA2021002**

I refer to your Official Information Act request dated 8 January 2021 where you requested information from Hawke's Bay District Health Board (HBDHB). Your questions and HBDHB's response is provided below:

***Methadone dispensing by calendar year, for the years 2020, 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016  
The longest consecutive period of time a person has been dispensed methadone through the DHB  
(if known by patient NHI) as of 2020.***

Methadone dispensing data by calendar year is already publicly available on the Ministry of Health website: <https://www.health.govt.nz/publication/pharmaceutical-data-web-tool> . This website holds the data from 2015 – 2019; data can be extracted by DHB.

In response to the second part of your request Hawke's Bay DHB is not able to provide dispensing data at the NHI level for privacy reasons and therefore decline this part of your request under section 2 (a) of the Official Information Act 1982.

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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