

19 February 2021

(name and contact details redacted)

Dear (name redacted)

## **YOUR OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT (1982) REQUEST HBDHB REF: OIA2021004**

I refer to your Official Information Act request dated 14 January 2021 where you requested information from Hawke's Bay District Health Board (HBDHB). Your questions and HBDHB's response is provided below:

- 1. Please provide a monthly breakdown of the number of people treated at Hawkes Bay District Health Board from 2016 to 2021 to date (including through the COVID-19 period) for MDMA related admissions. Can you please break it down by age groups of those treated and ethnicity.***
- 2. Please provide a monthly breakdown of the number of people admitted to Hawkes Bay District Health Board from 2016 to 2021 to date (including through the COVID-19 period) for MDMA related harm. Eg for those who have injured themselves with MDMA in their system. Can you please break it down by age groups of those admitted and ethnicity.***
- 3. Please provide a monthly breakdown of patients admitted to Hawkes Bay District Health Board from 2016 to 2021 to date (Including through the COVID-19 period) for consuming substances disguised as MDMA e.g. Synthetic Cathinones.***
- 4. Please provide a monthly breakdown of the number of people who have died from MDMA related harm at Hawkes Bay District Health Board from 2016 to 2021 to date (including through the COVID-19 period).***
- 5. Please provide a monthly breakdown of the cost for each person who was treated at Hawkes Bay District Health Board from 2016 to 2021 to date (including through the COVID-19 period) for MDMA use.***

In response to your questions 1 and 2 above HBDHB is able to provide the following data. Note that due to the small numbers involved the data has been aggregated.

	Other Ethncity	Māori	Pasifika
<b>Total 2016 to 2021</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>2</b>

Due to the small number of individuals involved in any one year we decline to provide any further information about these cases, under section 9 ( 2 ) ( a ) of the Official Information Act, to protect the privacy of natural persons.

In response to question 3, where a clinical assessment is made to determine if a patient has ingested a recreational drug disguised as MDMA this information may be noted in the patient's individual clinical notes, but this information is not captured in our clinical coding.

We are therefore declining to provide a response to question 3 under sections 18 ( e ) and 18 ( f ) of this Official Information Act as it either does not exist or, where it may exist, is held in the individual clinical records of patients which would require clinical staff to review individual records taking them away from their core duties.

In regards to question 4 we do not hold data on deaths of people with drugs in their system and therefore decline to provide the information you have requested under section 18 (g) of the Official Information Act relating to information not held.

Hawke's Bay DHB does not have the ability in its costing system s to break down treatment costs at the individual patient/event level as you have requested and therefore decline to provide the information you have requested under section 18 (g) of the Official Information Act relating to information not held.

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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