

23 March 2021

(name and contact details redacted)

Dear (name redacted)

## **YOUR OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT (1982) REQUEST HBDHB REF: OIA2021014**

I refer to your Official Information Act request dated 9 February 2021 where you requested information from Hawke's Bay District Health Board (HBDHB). Your questions and HBDHB's response is provided below:

***Can I please request the following from your DHB:  
On the topic of women's health:***

### **1. *Waiting times for urogynaecology***

Hawke's Bay DHB are a secondary service and do not have urogynaecology specialists or special clinic. Referrals are shared out to consultants depending on the triage; these referrals are not specifically coded, therefore HBDHB is not able to provide wait time data.

### **2. *Waiting times for colorectal surgery***

The DHB itemises 30 different procedures within the colorectal surgery category.

Between March 2020 and February 2021, the average wait time between surgery confirmation and the procedure taking place was 82 days, depending on clinical need.

### **3. *Waiting times for pelvic physiotherapy***

Hawke's Bay DHB's physiotherapy department provides a pelvic health physiotherapy service for women.

There is currently no waitlist for women's health referrals. Regardless of urgency, appointments are commonly booked within one to two weeks upon receipt of referral request.

*Note: Antecedently, more women are choosing to be seen privately which may explain why there is no waitlist.*

### **4. *Staffing levels for gynaecologists/urogynaecologists and physiotherapists***

- Six gynaecologists are employed by HBDHB.
- As noted above Hawke's Bay DHB do not have any urogynaecologists
- Hawke's Bay DHB employ thirty three physiotherapists.

### **5. *Staffing levels for specialist pelvic physiotherapists.***

One physiotherapist at Hawke's Bay Hospital specialises in pelvic physiotherapy.

***On the topic of mental health:***

Note: Statistics provided are during financial year periods.

1. **Deaths occurring in mental health in-patient unit each year, for the last five years, and the cause of death (or suspected cause)**  
No patients have died in the Mental Health Inpatient Unit during the last five years.
2. **Deaths of former mental health in-patients occurring within one week of discharge, and cause of death (or suspected cause). Figures for each year, for the last five years please.**  
No patients have died within one week of discharge from the Mental Health Inpatient Unit.
3. **How many of these deaths were referred to the coroner? Figures for each year, for five years please.**  
Refer above.
4. **Staffing levels for psychiatrists; psychologists and nursing**

<b>Mental Health &amp; Addiction Service</b>	<b>2020/21 Annual Budget FTE</b>
Consultant Psychiatrists	11.7
Psychologists	11.5
Senior Nurses	15.4
Registered Nurses	71.4
Care Associates	9.2
Doctors (Registrars)	7.0
Doctors (House Officers)	2.7
<b>Other Services –Medical; Older Persons Allied Health; Communities Women and Children</b>	
Psychologists	4.0

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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