

15 April 2021

(name and contact details redacted)

Dear (name redacted)

## **YOUR OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT (1982) REQUEST HBDHB REF: OIA2021023**

I refer to your Official Information Act request dated 16 March 2021 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 people per month over the last 24 months who have been seen in your emergency department in relation to the use of nitrous oxide.***
- 2. The number of people per month over the last 24 months who have been admitted to hospital as a result of the use of nitrous oxide.***
- 3. The age of people per month over the last 24 months who have been seen in your emergency department in relation to the use of nitrous oxide.***
- 4. The gender of the people per month over the last 24 months who have been seen in your emergency department in relation to the use of nitrous oxide.***
- 5. The ethnicity of people per month over the last 124 months who have been seen in your emergency department in relation to the use of nitrous oxide.***

Hawke's Bay DHB has a clinical code used to record patient use of nitrous oxide (and other psychoactive substances). For the period in question no nitrous oxide-related events have been recorded, therefore the response to all questions above is Nil or Not Applicable.

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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