

# Corporate Services



7 May 2021

(name and contact details redacted)

Dear (name redacted)

## YOUR OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT (1982) REQUEST HBDHB REF: OIA2021026

I refer to your Official Information Act request dated 18 March 2021 where you requested information from Hawke's Bay District Health Board (HBDHB). Your questions and HBDHB's response is provided below:

*For Community Mental Health; Child and adolescent metal health; and (Te Haika) Mental Health Crisis response:*

- *Number of distinct new entries/cases per month, by age group (five year bands if possible\*), 2015 – 2020 calendar year*
- *Number of total new entries/cases per month, by age group (five year bands), 2015 – 2020 calendar year*
- *Number of distinct cases open at month end, by age group (five year bands), 2015 – 2020 calendar year*
- *Number of distinct exits per month, by age group (five year bands if possible\*), 2015 – 2020 calendar year*
- *Number of total new exits per month, by age group (five year bands), 2015 – 2020 calendar year*

The above request requires many hours of searching electronic records and significant involvement by our information systems team. Therefore, your request is declined under Section 18(f) of the Official Information Act relating to substantial collation or research.

Note: Hawke's Bay DHB follows the Government guidelines set out by the Ministry of Justice for charging for the purposes of release of information under the Official Information Act. Staff time is charged at \$38.00 per half hour or part thereof, after the first hour which is free. The rate applies to all staff dealing with requests, irrespective of seniority or grade, the charges include GST. The DHB can advise the estimated time and cost associated with this request, if required.

*For the DHB:*

- *Number of hospitalisations for mental health per year, by age group (five year bands), 2015 – 2020 calendar year*
- *Number of people waitlisted to see a psychologist per year, by age group (five year bands), 2015 – 2020 calendar year*
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- Number of people seeing a psychologist, per year, by age group (five year bands), 2015 – 2020 calendar year
- Number of psychologists employed by the DHB at year end (split by part time, full time, contracted) by year, 2015 – 2020 calendar year

*\*Five year bands are ideally 0 – 5, 6 – 10, 11 -15, 16- 20, 21 – 25, 26 -30, etc. If there is too much suppression in those age bands can it please be in ten year age bands.*

### Number of hospitalisations for mental health per year, by age group (five year bands), 2015 – 2020 calendar year

10 year age bands	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
11-20 yrs	90	82	91	75	68	60
21-30 yrs	121	161	140	131	171	159
31-40 yrs	95	87	93	72	75	91
41-50 yrs	104	90	110	104	68	77
51-60 yrs	122	76	98	68	77	81
61-70 yrs	69	44	29	22	33	21
71-80 yrs	20	10	11	15	6	23
81-90 yrs	7	6	6	2	4	0
91+ yrs	0	0	1	0	0	1
<b>Total:</b>	<b>628</b>	<b>556</b>	<b>579</b>	<b>489</b>	<b>502</b>	<b>513</b>

### Number of people waitlisted to see a psychologist per year, by age group (five year bands), 2015 – 2020 calendar year

The DHB is unable to pull specific data to your question due to record tranfers onto a central system. Previously psychologists in some services managed cases using different systems. The work required to manually retrieve, review and collate the information requests from a vast number of patient clinical notes would need to be done by a health professional. Therefore, your request is declined under Section 18(f) of the Official Information Act relating to information that cannot be made available without substantial manual collation or research.

**Number of people seeing a psychologist in the DHB's Mental Health Service, per year, by age group (five year bands), 2015 – 2020 calendar year.**

10 year age bands	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
0-10 yrs	64	41	23	41	42	58
11-20 yrs	136	89	81	106	114	123
21-30 yrs	93	107	134	103	71	86
31-40 yrs	51	68	73	65	52	82
41-50 yrs	42	57	79	61	31	74
51-60 yrs	34	34	38	33	30	38
61-70 yrs	15	16	14	16	14	16
71-80 yrs	2	2	3	4	6	3
81+ yrs	0	0	1	0	0	0
<b>Total:</b>	<b>437</b>	<b>414</b>	<b>446</b>	<b>429</b>	<b>360</b>	<b>480</b>

**Number of psychologists employed by the DHB at year end (split by part time, full time, contracted) by year, 2015 – 2020 calendar year**

	Full-time	Part-time	Total	Comment
31-Dec-2015	9	5	14	
31-Dec-2016	8	6	14	
31-Dec-2017	8	10	18	Includes: 2 parental leave - x1 full and x1 part 2 Interns - both part-time
31-Dec-2018	5	12	17	Includes 1 parental leave (Part-time)
31 Dec-2019	6	10	16	Includes 2 parental leave (x1 full-time x1 part-time)
31-Dec-2020	7	10	17	Includes 1 parental leave (Part-time)

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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