

28 April 2021

(name and contact details redacted)

Dear (name redacted)

YOUR OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT (1982) REQUEST HBDHB REF: OIA2021043

I refer to your Official Information Act request dated 15 April 2021 where you requested information from Hawke's Bay District Health Board (HBDHB). Your questions and HBDHB's response is provided below:

1. How many children aged 0-14 have presented to hospital with a dog-related injury in the last year?

Thirteen children aged 0-14 presented to hospital with dog bite-related injuries in the 2020 calendar year.

2. How many of those children required a procedure (e.g sutures), or admission?

3. What were the ethnic and age demographics of the those children?

Please refer to the table below for children who either presented to the Emergency Department and/or were admitted to an inpatient ward for treatment of dog-related injuries.

Ethnicity	Discharges
MĀORI	10
OTHER ETHNICITY	2
PASIFIKA	1
Total	13

Age Group	Discharges
0-4 Years	5
5-9 Years	5
10-14 Years	3
Total	13

Note: Due to data constraints the data above relates to ED presentations greater than 3 hours. Due to the small numbers involved age data has been provided in age bands.

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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