

Corporate Services



17 June 2021

(name and contact details redacted)

Dear (name redacted)

YOUR OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT (1982) REQUEST HBDHB REF: OIA2021060

I refer to your Official Information Act request dated 27 May 2021 where you requested information from Hawke's Bay District Health Board (HBDHB). Your questions and HBDHB's response is provided below:

- 1. According to the news article, from Hawkes Bay Today on Tuesday 11 May 2021, 188 presentations to the Emergency Department are recorded. Of these 188 presentations, did this include any frontline medical staff?***
- 2. The Hawkes Bay Today article states "the majority being with serious medical conditions". Of these 188 presentations, how many were sudden and how many had pre-existing diagnosed medical conditions?***
- 3. Of the 188 emergency presentations, how many are still in hospital care?***
- 4. Of the 188 presentations were there any predominant symptoms?***

In response to Question 1.

Hawke's Bay DHB declines your request under section 9(2)(a) of the Official Information Act 1982 to protect the privacy of natural persons

In response to Questions 2 and 4.

The work required to retrieve, review and collate the information requested from a vast number of patient clinical notes would need to be done by a health professional employed to provide frontline health services.

This would compromise Hawke's Bay DHBs ability to provide health services and therefore we decline your request under section 18 (f) of the Official Information Act 1982 relating to information that cannot be made available without substantial collation or research.

In response to Question 3.

Of the 188 emergency presentations on Tuesday 11 May 2021, two people were still in hospital care as at 27 May 2021 (the date you requested the official information).

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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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Chris Ash', written in a cursive style.

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