

Corporate Services



17 June 2021

(name and contact details redacted)

Dear (name redacted)

YOUR OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT (1982) REQUEST HBDHB REF: OIA2021062

I refer to your Official Information Act request transferred to district health boards by the Ministry of Health on 31 May 2021 where you requested information from Hawke's Bay District Health Board (HBDHB). Your questions and HBDHB's response is provided below:

"Can you please provide the number of people on the waiting list for psychiatric services, including eating disorder services, by DHB, as at 20 March 2021?"

Hawke's Bay District Health Board has interpreted your question as people who have been referred to HBDHB psychiatric services, including eating disorder services, and are yet to be seen for their first appointment.

As at 9 June 2021, Hawke's Bay DHB can advise a total of 173 people are on its waitlist for psychiatric services, including eating disorders, following referral.

Please note: Hawke's Bay DHB's records systems have recently been migrated and waitlist data is not easily retrievable. This would require many hours of searching electronic records and significant involvement by our information systems team. Therefore, your request for waitlist data backdated to 20 March 2021 is declined under Section 18(f) of the Official Information Act relating to substantial collation or research.

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".

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