

Corporate Services



13 August 2021

(name and contact details redacted)

Dear (name redacted)

YOUR OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT (1982) REQUEST HBDHB REF: OIA2021085

I refer to your Official Information Act request dated 19 July 2021 where you requested information from Hawke's Bay District Health Board (HBDHB). Your questions and HBDHB's response is provided below:

- 1. Does the DHB have a waiting list for people seeking help with either alcohol or drug addictions? and if so, how many people are on the list?**
- 2. Have the numbers coming for help increased or decreased compared with last year?**
- 3. How many people have been referred to or self-referred to the DHB for alcohol and drug abuse in the last five years, to date?**
- 4. How many of those have been put on a waiting list?**
- 5. How many have been turned away in those five years?**
- 6. What are the referral numbers for each site- Wairoa, Hastings, Napier and Waipuk for the same period?**

In response to question one, as at 5 August there are nine people who have been referred to the addictions team who are waiting to be seen.

In response to question two there were 777 referrals in the 2021 financial year compared with 801 referrals in the 2020 financial year.

In response to question three, please see the table below:

Financial Year	Unique NHI Count per year
2017	1,086
2018	1,021
2019	887
2020	801
2021	777
TOTAL: (Unique Count over total period)	3,504

In response to question four, those who are referred (by themselves or someone else) might be seen on the day of referral or might be offered an appointment for a later date. These decisions are based on the presenting needs of the referred person and prioritised according to clinical urgency.

In response to question five, Hawke's Bay DHB does not hold the data relating to closing the referral based on those "turned away". Therefore under section 18 (g) of the Official Information Act relating to information not held decline to provide a response to this portion of your request.

In response to question six, please refer to the table below.

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	TOTAL:
Napier	745	602	524	543	501	2,915
Hastings	439	352	371	329	279	1,770
Wairoa	129	182	206	168	164	849
Central Hawkes Bay	54	72	37	32	25	220
Springhill Residential	83	95	61	34	56	329
Chils and Youth Addictions	130	120	98	54	41	443
TOTAL:	1,580	1,423	1,297	1,160	1,066	6,526

Please note that the numbers provided are only for Hawke's Bay DHB Mental Health & Addiction services and that there are other mental health providers in the community including non government organisations (NGO's) and not for profit organisations.

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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