

Corporate Services



1 December 2021

Dear [REDACTED]

YOUR OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT (1982) REQUEST HBDHB REF: OIA2021143

I refer to your Official Information Act request partially transferred to district health boards by the Ministry of Health on 5 November 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 government funded Live-in treatment services (Residential services & Support houses) were there between 2015 and 2021 broken down by year? What was the number of beds abatable in these services, broken down by year?**
- 2. What were the names, and locations of these facilities?**
- 3. How many government funded Live-in treatment services (residential services & support houses) closed between 2015 and 2021?**
- 4. What were the names of the facilities that closed, and locations of these facilities?**
- 5. How many people have been on the waiting list for these facilities between 2015, and 2021. Broken down by year?**
- 6. What is the average amount of time between 2015 and 2021, a person has been expected to wait for a place in these facilities?**
- 7. How many of these centres both live in treatment services and detox beds closed during lockdown periods? At what level are these services allowed to operate?**
- 10. What was the average wait time for a drug and alcohol detox bed, between 2015 and 2021?**
- 11. On average how many people have been on the waiting list for drug and alcohol detox bed, between 2015 and 2021? Broken down by year?"**

Questions 1 & 2

In response, please refer to the table below. These are the beds provided locally and funded by HBDHB.

| Location | Provider | | Funded Beds | | | | | | |
|----------|------------|---|-------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| | | | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 |
| Napier | HBDHB | Springhill – Residential Addictions Service | 12 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 12 | 12 | 12 |
| Hastings | MASH Trust | Community Residential Dual Diagnosis Mental Health and Other Drug Service | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 |

Note: not included in the table, but available to HBDHB residents, are beds in Wellington run by the Salvation Army. These beds provide residential services to central region DHBs, if required, and are managed through inter district flow.

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Questions 3 & 4

There have been no closures of government funded live-in treatment services between 2015 and 2021.

Question 5

All facilities provide a guarantee for treatment and a start date. This is based on time needed by the consumer to complete pre-engagement activities. The program has rolling start dates and if a space becomes available and the consumer is ready, they can then be inserted into the program.

Pre-engagement activities: These include attendance of pre-programme sessions, attendance of addiction services appointments, engagement with the peer support network and sessions and a period of abstinence.

Participation and commitment to the pre-engagement activities greatly improves the successful completion of the residential programme and continued, sustained journey of recovery.

Question 6

As above, acceptance is on a rolling basis as programmes are completed by other consumers. Consumers who are ready through preparation for residential services are guaranteed an admission date of within two to ten weeks. The programme length is eight to ten weeks. Consumers are given a date they will start the programme as soon as they are ready for the programme, i.e. they have completed their pre-engagement activities.

Question 7

During COVID-19 2020 Level 4 lockdown Springhill's inpatient facility remained opened but with limited numbers in a "bubble". The majority of consumers enrolled in the programme at the time self-elected to return home and recommence the programme at a later date. They were provided ongoing virtual support by staff while they were at home.

During the COVID-19 2021 lockdown all residential addiction services continued as an essential service with existing consumers in a "bubble". No new admissions were accepted during Alert Level 3 and Alert Level 4 periods. Consumers were able to choose to defer placement with appropriate virtual supports in place.

Question 10

There is no average wait time for a detox bed. This is because detox is a planned intervention which requires a process to be followed including an assessment by the consumer's general practitioner and/or nominated doctor or nurse.

Following this assessment, a plan is made with the consumer about the best care and supports to assist their detox and recovery. The consumer may be assessed to require a medical detox and/or a social detox, which can be supported in a home setting.

Question 11

Consumers are accepted on a rolling basis in line with their readiness to engage in a detox programme. There is a level of preparation and self-selection involved for consumers choosing when to engage in this service. Detox beds are scheduled for use in line with the consumers individual need. Acute detox is treated differently.

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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