

Corporate Services



10 May 2022

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Dear [REDACTED]

YOUR OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT (1982) REQUEST HBDHB REF: OIA2022040

I refer to your Official Information Act request dated 7 April 2022 where you requested information from Hawke's Bay District Health Board (HBDHB). Your questions and HBDHB's response is provided below:

Would you please advise:

whether you do provide services for people who stutter?

If you do provide services for people who stutter, would you please advise:

how many people who stutter that you have worked with in the last year including a breakdown of their ages and ethnicities

the type of services that you provided, e.g. individual speech therapy, group programmes

the number of sessions of individual speech therapy you provided in the last year

the number of any other programmes etc that you offered and the number of participants in these programmes.

Hawke's Bay DHB accepts referrals for Speech Language Therapy (SLT) through its Child Development Service (children up to the age of 16 years) and for individuals referred to Allied Health Services who stutter from the age of 18 years and above.

The DHB will also accept referrals for patients who technically fall outside these age parameters of our service framework where there is a need identified.

However, children who require SLT are usually picked up within the school education system, with the Ministry of Education facilitating specialist support for this cohort.

Within the last year, Hawke's Bay DHB has worked with two patients as follows:

- A Māori patient in their 40's who required four face-to-face individual therapy sessions which focused on using strategies to help manage longstanding stutter and working with the patient to identify a need for counseling services.
- A NZ European patient in their late teens who has recently been referred for an initial assessment appointment to identify their needs.

Hawke's Bay DHB does not offer other programmes, due to the small number of referrals received.

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I trust this information meets your needs. If you would like any further information or clarification please contact us via email. 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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