

Corporate Services



31 May 2022

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Dear [REDACTED]

YOUR OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT (1982) REQUEST HBDHB REF: OIA2022043

I refer to your Official Information Act request dated 19 April 2022 where you requested information from Hawke's Bay District Health Board (HBDHB). Your questions and HBDHB's response is provided below:

Full descriptions and/or a copy of the measurement tool(s), procedure(s) or method(s) used to assess the risk of suicide or self-harm, informing decisions on providing access to the DHB's services.

Hawke's Bay DHB follows the national guidelines for 'The Assessment and management of people at risk of suicide' which are published on the Ministry of Health website. You can find a copy of these guidelines [here](#).

These guidelines are intended as a resource for clinical staff in emergency departments and mental health clinicians when assessing and working with people who have either made a suicide attempt, or are at risk of taking their own lives. They are intended as a teaching resource and as a guide to daily practice, both for individuals and for systems of care.

Individuals who may be at risk of suicide and/or self-harm are assessed on an individual basis. The assessing health professional(s) exercise their professional clinical judgement to determine the presence, or absence, of suicidality/self-harm and, if present, the severity in conjunction with the national guidelines.

The Mental Health and Addiction Services accept's referrals from any source including; the individual person, employers, family members, primary care, general practitioners, friends etc.

Hawke's Bay DHB uses the service entry and exit criteria as described in section 4 of the 'National Mental Health and Addiction Service Specification' ([click here to view](#)).

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".

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