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By email to: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

Re Official Information Request for CAMHS referrals for teenagers

I refer to your Official Information Act request of 19 September 2018 for the following information:

1. *Data on referrals to CAMHS (Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service) between 2012 and 2018 for people aged 13 to 17, broken down by year and by gender.*
2. *Data on median wait time and range of wait times for CAMHS (Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service) between 2012 and 2018 for people aged 13 to 17, broken down by year and by gender.*
3. *Data how many people aged 13 to 17 referred to CAMHS (Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service) between 2012 and 2018 were accepted, how many were rejected and how many were referred on, broken down by year and gender.*
4. *Data how many people aged 13 to 17 were hospitalised due to self harm or attempted suicide between 2012 and 2018, broken down by year and by gender.*

Further to your original request, you were contacted on 1 October 2018 and subsequently clarified "hospitalised" in question four to mean people who presented to Auckland DHB emergency departments due to self-harm or attempted suicide

Our response to your request follows.

1. **Data on referrals to CAMHS (Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service) between 2012 and 2018 for people aged 13 to 17, broken down by year and by gender.**

	Female	Male	Overall
2012	413	219	632
2013	476	244	720
2014	492	289	781
2015	497	304	801
2016	533	312	845
2017	597	331	928
2018	472	286	758

Please note that for all data presented for 2018, the counts are for the year to the end of September.

2. Data on median wait time and range of wait times for CAMHS (Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service) between 2012 and 2018 for people aged 13 to 17, broken down by year and by gender.

Median wait time- days

	Female	Male	Overall
2012	16	17	16
2013	18	17	17
2014	11	11	11
2015	14	14	14
2016	15	14	14
2017	17	20	18
2018	16	18	17

Maximum wait time- days

	Female	Male	Overall
2012	103	152	152
2013	104	77	104
2014	72	103	103
2015	93	102	102
2016	86	114	114
2017	119	143	143
2018	102	104	104

Minimum wait time- days

	Female	Male	Overall
2012	0	0	0
2013	0	0	0
2014	0	0	0
2015	0	0	0
2016	0	0	0
2017	0	0	0
2018	0	0	0

3. Data how many people aged 13 to 17 referred to CAMHS (Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service) between 2012 and 2018 were accepted, how many were rejected and how many were referred on, broken down by year and gender.

The following data is drawn from those cases which were closed during the indicated years. This is because coding into declined/not declined is done at case closure.

Please note that for those cases which are not declined, there are a range of outcomes, not all of which include face to face contact.

We are unable to provide data on the number of cases “referred on” as this is not data which is captured. For those cases which are declined, it is usual practice to suggest another referral agency to a referrer if this is appropriate, however, we would not make a direct referral. When cases are complete for CAMHS intervention, they may be referred on to other appropriate agencies.

Referral Not declined

	Female	Male	Overall
2012	299	187	486
2013	424	176	600
2014	453	249	702
2015	481	284	765
2016	510	318	828
2017	482	297	779
2018	396	218	614

Referral Declined

	Female	Male	Overall
2012	46	38	84
2013	66	50	116
2014	21	15	36
2015	31	15	46
2016	19	16	35
2017	38	29	67
2018	74	34	108

4. Data how many people aged 13 to 17 were hospitalised (presented to emergency departments) due to self harm or attempted suicide between 2012 and 2018, broken down by year and by gender.

Please note that the following data is limited to patients who had emergency department attendances of over 3 hours. For ED attendances less than 3 hours there is no available information to categorise the visit as self-harm.

Hospitalised

	Female	Male	Overall
2012	83	24	107
2013	120	13	133
2014	71	12	83
2015	83	27	110
2016	110	23	133
2017	120	25	145
2018	105	19	124

I trust this information answers your questions.

You are entitled under the Official Information Act section 28(3) to seek a review of my response. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that this response, or an edited version of this response, may be published on the Auckland DHB website.

Yours faithfully



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Chief Executive