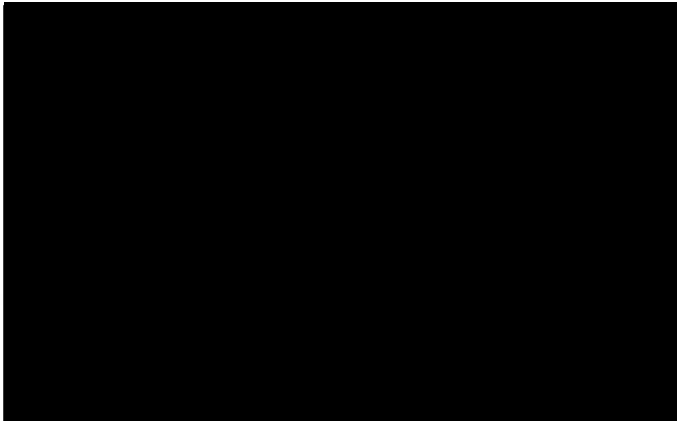


24 October 2019



Re: Official Information Act request – Stab wound presentations and admissions

I refer to your Official Information Act request dated 7 October 2019 requesting the following information.

I am requesting the following information under the Official Information Act:

- 1. All presentations to the emergency department for stab wounds (ICD code X99, rather than accidental injury) for the financial years of 2014/15, 2015/16, 2016/17, 2017/18, 2018/19**

Year	Number
2014-15	182
2015-16	268
2016-17	264
2017-18	281
2018-19	311

Notes

Included Diag codes X99, X78 and Y28 -- X99 covers all stabbings that were an assault; X78 are intentional self-harm; Y28 are stabbings with undetermined intent.

2. All admissions to hospital related to stab wound injuries (as above - stabbing presentations only, not accidental injuries), and the lengths of stay during the 2014/15, 2015/16, 2016/17, 2017/18, 2018/19 financial years.

Year	Number	Length of stay (days)
2014-15	27	4.1
2015-16	39	3.6
2016-17	34	3.7
2017-18	40	5.1
2018-19	47	5.8

I trust this information answers your questions.

You are entitled to seek a review of the response by the Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act. 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