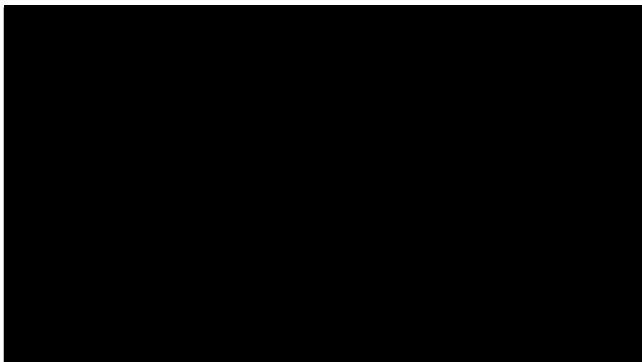


4 November 2020



Re: Official Information Act request – Patients treated for gunshot wounds/costs

I refer to your Official Information Act request dated 8 October 2020 requesting the following information

1. Please provide me figures on how many patients have been treated for gunshot wounds at both Auckland Hospital and Starship Hospital.
2. Please provide a breakdown for each hospital for 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 and the year to date.
3. Please provide further breakdown of injures in terms of severity (fatal/critical/serious/moderate etc.), which body parts were wounded, what type of firearms were used (if known).
4. Please provide figures on the estimated cost of treating patients with gunshot wounds for the above time periods.
5. Please provide any relevant comment.
6. Finally, please provide the same figures and breakdowns for patients with stabbing injuries.

Gunshot patient events

- 97 Patient events

Year	Auckland Hospital	Starship Hospital
2016	13	1
2017	14	1
2018	14	3
2019	24	8
2020 YTD	19	
Total	84	13

Gunshot patient injury locations and firearm types

- The injured body parts include eye, thigh, genitals (testicles), chest, abdomen, forearm, upper arm, ear, face.
- Air rifle, Shotgun, Rifle

Cost of treating gunshot patients

Year	Cost
2016	\$85,290.00
2017	\$233,908.00
2018	\$445,821.00
2019	\$1,060,545.00

- The cost of gunshot events is available only till March 2020 so not provided for 2020 calendar year as it will skew the results.

Stabbing patient events

- 1,739 patient events with a stabbing injury between 2016 and October 2020

Year	Auckland Hospital	Starship Hospital
2016	322	63
2017	307	35
2018	309	39
2019	338	33
2020 YTD	277	16
Total	1553	186

- In some cases the same patient was seen multiple times during this period for stabbing/self-harm injuries each event was counted

Year	Cost
2016	\$3,289,857.00
2017	\$2,795,954.00
2018	\$2,721,209.00
2019	\$2,170,790.00

- The cost of stabbing events is available only till March 2020 so not provided for 2020 calendar year as it will skew the results.
- The stabbing injuries can be divided into three types.

i) Stabbings as an assault:

Stabbed using razor blade, knife, and glass and other unspecified objects. The cohort of the people who inflicted injury involves family members, friends, and domestic partners.

ii) Intentional self-harm: using objects such as razor blade, glass, knife.

iii) Undetermined intent

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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