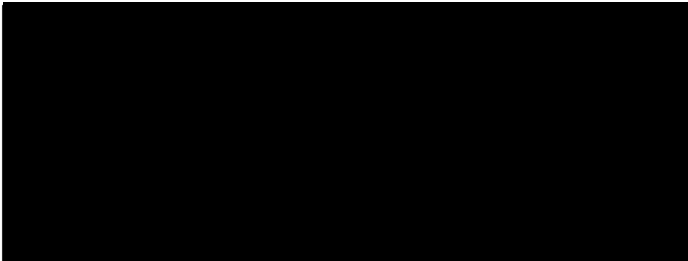


24 June 2020



Re Official Information Request – Number of patients in psychiatric hospitals 1990-2010

I refer to your official information request dated 21 June 2020 requesting the following additional information:

The number of persons confined in Kingseat Hospital, Whau Asylum and Ravelthorpe Hospital in the years 1990 to 2010. Either as at 31 December of the year or annual average. Please include the proportion of people confined per 100,000 population (rate of confinement).

Closure of all these hospitals occurred in the early 1990s, before the creation of DHBs on 1 January 2001. Only one, Whau Asylum, is within the current Auckland DHB region. In all cases the relevant records will now reside with Archives NZ, not with the DHBs. Your request is therefore declined under s18(f) OIA – the information requested cannot be found without substantial collation or research of within files held at Archives NZ.

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