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**Re: Alcohol Related Harm Auckland DHB Ref 20220419-1206**

I refer to your official information request transferred to us by the Technical Advisory Services (TAS) on 19 April 2022, requesting the following information:

**"I am requesting the following information under the Official Information Act from all DHBs within New Zealand about alcohol harm. Is it possible for this to be forward to all relevant parties if the information is not centralised. This follows on from an OIA made in 2020 but updated statistics will be invaluable to research efforts.**

- 1. Please provide a yearly breakdown of how many people were treated from 2012-2022 (to date) for alcohol related harm**
- 2. Please provide a yearly breakdown of age groups of those treated in your DHB between 2012-2022 for alcohol related harm.**
- 3. Please provide a yearly breakdown of the ethnicity of those treated in your DHB from 2012-2022 for alcohol related harm.**
- 4. Please provide a yearly breakdown of age groups of those admitted to your DHB from 2012-2022 for alcohol related harm.**
- 5. Please provide a yearly breakdown of ethnicity of those admitted to your DHB from 2012-2022 for alcohol related harm.**
- 6. Please provide a yearly breakdown of age groups of those admitted to your DHB from 2012-2022 for alcohol related harm.**
- 7. Please provide a yearly breakdown of the cost for each person treated / admitted in your DHB for alcohol related causes.**
- 8. Please provide a breakdown of how many patients were admitted to Emergency Departments where alcohol was determined to be a factor in their admission from 2012-2022"**

#### **Response**

We have provided the information under each of your questions below. The response focuses on in-patient or emergency events, which appears to be what you are requesting. If you are interested in information about community drug and alcohol services, we note that Waitemata DHB provides our outpatient alcohol treatment services. That DHB has been advised and will providing that data with its response. The contact person there is OIA Manager Denise Poole [Denise.Poole@waitematadhb.govt.nz](mailto:Denise.Poole@waitematadhb.govt.nz)

The data in the tables below for questions 4, 5 and 7 represents patients with an alcohol-related coded diagnosis. Please note that only patient events longer than three hours are coded upon

discharge. These tables include both emergency department and non-emergency department events.

The calendar year 2022 includes patients admitted up to and including March, but note March figures may be lower as not all patients admitted will have been discharged and coded. Costing data for 2022 has not been provided as the costing data for the first three months of the financial year has not been finalised. We are refusing this part of your request citing s 18 (e) Official Information Act – the information does not exist. We could, if you wished undertake to follow up with you and supply it when it is finalised. This would be in several months' time.

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3. Please provide a yearly breakdown of the ethnicity of those treated in your DHB from 2012-2022 for alcohol related harm.

We are refusing this part of your request, citing s 18 (e) Official Information Act – Auckland DHB does not hold this information.

4. Please provide a yearly breakdown of age groups of those admitted to your DHB from 2012-2022 for alcohol related harm.

Admit year	ED ward only					ED admit and Inpatient ward stay					Inpatient stay only				
	0-20	21-40	41-60	61-80	81 +	0-20	21-40	41-60	61-80	81 +	0-20	21-40	41-60	61-80	81 +
2012	279	590	435	122	20	25	150	236	180	25	36	92	87	59	15
2013	255	515	404	167	12	29	147	242	164	35	27	98	89	75	15
2014	235	463	416	142	16	23	149	242	169	10	25	68	115	83	8
2015	234	526	447	148	10	32	149	256	212	18	32	99	123	95	11
2016	252	669	474	141	7	33	174	284	220	33	31	84	102	78	14
2017	231	650	429	156	9	41	162	323	238	44	22	75	111	87	13
2018	233	631	443	171	9	30	214	301	213	46	20	68	93	86	14
2019	252	651	486	193	15	35	202	327	248	36	28	57	71	77	10
2020	199	724	508	159	16	36	225	401	296	44	21	79	94	109	8
2021	182	567	491	151	21	31	255	424	317	54	26	66	88	104	13
2022	41	121	146	37	6	13	63	98	81	8	2	8	16	22	4

5. Please provide a yearly breakdown of ethnicity of those admitted to your DHB from 2012-2022 for alcohol related harm.

Admit year	ED ward stay only				ED admit and Inpatient ward stay				Inpatient stay only			
	Asian	Maori	Other	Pacific	Asian	Maori	Other	Pacific	Asian	Maori	Other	Pacific
2012	136	218	928	164	35	106	415	60	12	64	184	29
2013	155	192	852	154	48	95	433	41	17	67	201	19
2014	141	181	812	138	37	81	427	48	12	67	206	14
2015	155	189	891	130	46	96	463	62	15	62	249	34
2016	155	233	992	163	50	110	499	85	14	71	196	28
2017	158	237	935	145	60	113	562	73	13	63	203	29
2018	170	246	914	157	61	116	560	67	16	66	181	18
2019	179	197	1063	158	72	123	580	73	10	43	166	24
2020	202	254	975	175	99	156	639	108	21	68	187	35
2021	153	239	884	136	105	185	687	104	13	80	165	39
2022	47	46	228	30	31	33	171	28	4	12	30	6

6. Please provide a yearly breakdown of age groups of those admitted to your DHB from 2012-2022 for alcohol related harm.

Please see the data released above in response to Question 4.

7. Please provide a yearly breakdown of the cost for each person treated / admitted in your DHB for alcohol related causes.

Please note the table below relates to the total cost of all hospital events with an alcohol-related coded diagnosis. As it is the total cost of the event it will include costs that relate to the management of other, non-alcohol related diagnoses.

Admit year	Total
2012	\$ 22,237,815
2013	\$ 21,144,220
2014	\$ 23,123,032
2015	\$ 27,664,855
2016	\$ 29,422,817
2017	\$ 34,242,214
2018	\$ 32,667,816
2019	\$ 37,588,093
2020	\$ 49,034,071
2021	\$ 48,037,857

8. Please provide a breakdown of how many patients were admitted to Emergency Departments where alcohol was determined to be a factor in their admission from 2012-2022

There is additional data from an alcohol involved flag in our data that was added in June 2017 for patients admitted through the emergency department. This was whether they had a coded event or not. This will include the coded patient events reported above who were admitted through the emergency department.

Admit year	Total
2018	6,431
2019	6,028
2020	5,377
2021	4,672
2022	1,380

We trust this information will be useful.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://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 sincerely



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