Tuesday, 5 May 2020

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Re: Official Information Act Request – Reported assaults/sexual harassment

Kia ora [redacted]

Thank you for your request for information under the Official Information Act 1982.

You asked:

- The number of sexual harassment reports made by **person(s) employed** (staff) by the DHB in the calendar years of 2019, 2018 and 2017, broken down by whether they involved either patients or other staff.
- The number of sexual harassment reports made by **patients** to the DHB in the calendar years of 2019, 2018 and 2017, broken down by involving either other patients or staff.
- The number of complaints made to the DHB by **staff members** for each of the following:
  - Physical assault/abuse
  - Verbal assault/abuse
  - Psychological assault/abuse
  - Racial assault/abuse;

  Made to the DHB in the calendar years of 2019, 2018 and 2017, broken down by whether they were perpetrated by either patients or staff.
- The number of complaints made to the DHB by **patients** for each of the following:
  - Physical assault/abuse
  - Verbal assault/abuse
  - Psychological assault/abuse
  - Racial assault/abuse;

  Made to the DHB in the calendar years of 2019, 2018 and 2017, broken down by whether they were perpetrated by either patients or staff.

Hauora Tairāwhiti's response is as follows:

Sexual harassment or indecent exposure	2017	2018	2019
Towards staff by a patient	1	0	1
Towards a patient by staff	0	0	0

The number of complaints made to the DHB by **staff members** for each of the following:

Perpetrated by Patient	2017	2018	2019
Physical assault/abuse	20	19	13
Verbal assault/abuse	13	10	19
Psychological assault/abuse	1	2	1
Racial assault/abuse	1	0	0
sexual harassment or indecent exposure	1	0	1
Perpetrated by Staff			
Physical assault/abuse	0	0	0
Verbal assault/abuse	0	0	3
Psychological assault/abuse	0	0	2
Racial assault/abuse	0	0	0
sexual harassment or indecent exposure	0	0	0
Perpetrated by a Visitor			
Physical assault/abuse	1	1	0
Verbal assault/abuse	6	4	4
Psychological assault/abuse	0	2	2
Racial assault/abuse	0	1	0
sexual harassment or indecent exposure	0	0	0

The number of complaints made to the DHB by **patients** for each of the following:

Perpetrated by Patient	2017	2018	2019
Physical assault/abuse	2	7	1
Verbal assault/abuse	1	1	0
Psychological assault/abuse	0	0	0
Racial assault/abuse	0	0	0
sexual harassment or indecent exposure	0	1	0
Perpetrated by Staff			
Physical assault/abuse	0	0	0
Verbal assault/abuse	2	1	1
Psychological assault/abuse	0	0	0
Racial assault/abuse	0	0	0
sexual harassment or indecent exposure	0	0	0
Perpetrated by a Visitor			
Physical assault/abuse	0	3	2
Verbal assault/abuse	1	1	1
Psychological assault/abuse	0	0	3
Racial assault/abuse	0	0	0
sexual harassment or indecent exposure	0	0	0

If you are not satisfied with this response you may contact the Office of the Ombudsmen, phone 0800 802 602.

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Ngā mihi

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