

Friday, 6 March 2020

Re: Official Information Act Request – Addiction services

Kia ora [REDACTED]

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

**Hauora Tairāwhiti's response is as follows:**

- 1. Can you please provide a list of the different types of addiction services people can access through the public health system?*

Hauora Tairāwhiti offers peer counselling, specialist counselling, whānau support and counselling, Opioid Substitute Programme, licensing support, a Methamphetamine Whānau Group out of hours and Acute and Planned Managed Withdrawal/Detox.

- 2. How many rehab and detox beds are currently available through the public health system for people addicted to drugs and alcohol?*

Hauora Tairāwhiti has 1 funded bed held on the Medical ward. There are also 8 beds available through the Acute Mental Health Inpatient Unit for acute and planned managed withdrawal/detox. This is the preferred pathway for whānau who require these services.

- 3. How many people were put on a waitlist to access detox and rehab addiction services each year over the past four years (2016 – 2019)?*

Hauora Tairāwhiti did not have a waitlist to access these services during this period.

- 4. Can each year please be broken down into months ie. the number of people each month put on a waitlist?*

Hauora Tairāwhiti did not have a waitlist to access these services during this period.

- 5. Can the waitlisted people please be broken down into category ie. what service it was that they were wanting to access, and were subsequently waitlisted for?*

Not applicable.

6. Can you please categorise these waitlisted people into wait-times. ie those who had to wait 5 weeks, 6 weeks, 7 weeks and so on....

Not applicable.

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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