

25 February 2019

Email: _____

Re: Official Information Act

Dear _____

I am responding on behalf of Hauora Tairāwhiti (Tairāwhiti DHB) to your OIA Request of 24 January 2019 which was partially transferred to us from the Ministry of Health on the 28th of January.

Our response to your request:

1. Summary of Data

- Time Period of Data: 1 Jan-31 Dec for each year
- Data extracted from Datix. This is information only reported in Datix
- Data reflects assaults on staff – see below

Q1: Overall number of recorded assaults on health staff over the last 3 years = 128

Q2: Overall number of incidents where health service staff have been threatened or verbally abused over the last 3 years = 77

Q3: The number of assaults on health service staff within the mental health staff over the same period = 33

Q4: The number of incidents where mental health staff have been threatened or verbally abused over same period = 20

Q5: The number of injuries sustained by health service staff over the last three years including those injured whilst working = 20

Q6: The number of injuries sustained by mental health staff over the last three years = 6

Q7: The number of convictions against individuals who have assaulted health service staff over the last three years = 0 (not recorded in incident file)

Q8: The number of convictions against individuals who have assaulted mental health staff over the last three years = 0 (not recorded in incident file)

Q9: The number of individuals who have been sent to prison for assaulting health service staff over the last three years = 0 (not recorded in incident file)

Q10: The number of individuals who have been sent to prison for assaulting mental health staff over the last three years = 0 (not recorded in incident file)

11. The number of physical restraints required by health service staff to contain someone due to their aggressive/violent behaviour.

	2016	2017	2018
Total	14	17	16

We only have Ward 11 (Mental Health Ward) data

12. The number of physical restraints required by mental health staff to contain someone due to their aggressive/violent behaviour.

	2016	2017	2018
Total	14	17	16

13. The number of times police have been called to assist with managing individuals who were exhibiting aggressive/violent behaviours.

	2016	2017	2018
Total		6	3

Police identified as being involved in Restraint in Ward 11

Q14: The number of times patients have required seclusion due to their aggressive/violent behaviour over the last three years (this is aggressive/behaviour towards staff only) = 5

Data for answers to Questions. The data is broken into 2 tables. One that includes all the data across DHB and other involving mental health services.

1. Total Number of Incidents where health staff have been threatened or verbally abused, or assaulted

Year	Verbal abuse to staff	Physical abuse on staff	Staff injured	Police Contacted	Patient Restrained	Seclusion	Convictions	Sent to prison	Total for Year
2016	17 (1x Police in ED; 1x restraint mhs)	17 (1x Police MHS)	8	2	2	1			34

2017	28 (2x restraint)	14 (3x Police; 1restraint mhs)	9 (2mhs)	3	2	1			42
2018	32 (5x Police)	20 (4x Police)	3 (1mhs)	9		3			52

2. Mental Health Staff Data only (is also included in 1 above)

3.

Year	Verbal abuse to staff	Physical abuse on staff	Staff injured	Police Contacted	Patient Restrained	Seclusion	Convictions	Sent to prison	Total for Year
2016	7 (1x restraint)	5 (1x Police)	2	1	1	1			12
2017	4	7 (1x restraint)	2	0	1	1			11
2018	9 (2x Police)	6 (1x Police)	2	3	0	4			10

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

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If you feel that there are good reasons why your response should not be made publicly available, we will be happy to consider this.



Yours sincerely

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