

22 February 2019

Email: _____

Re: Official Information Act

Dear _____

I am responding on behalf of Hauora Tairāwhiti (Tairāwhiti DHB) to your OIA Request of 18 February 2019 regarding prescribed antidepressants.

Request:

I would like a copy of any and all information totalling the number of patients prescribed antidepressants in 2018 as inpatients and in the community (scope clarified with the requester and confirmed– RL, 18.2.2019).

Please include the age and gender of the patient(s).

Your OIA was partially transferred to TAS on 19 February as they hold information for community pharmacy dispensed anti-depressant medication. Our DHB was asked to provide our individual held data for the DHB pharmacy prescribed and dispensed anti-depressant medication.

Our response:

Hauora Tairāwhiti's Pharmacy is unable to provide the data by individual patient as we keep most of our drugs on the wards as imprest stock and don't individually dispense.

Antidepressants are kept as imprest stock on the wards that most frequently use them, e.g. mental health.

We dispense to individual patients to those wards who use them occasionally, therefore the data will be incomplete and missing on the majority of patients.



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

Please note this response, or an edited version of this response, may be published on the Hauora Tairāwhiti DHB website. Your personal/identifying information will be redacted from any responses published.

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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