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Re: Official Information Act request – Number of people who have been trespassed

I refer to your Official Information Act request dated 15 October 2019 requesting the following information.

This is a request under the Official Information Act 1982.

With respect, I request any information regarding the number of people who have been trespassed from Auckland DHB hospitals in the last five years. Please break this down by year, hospital, what they were trespassed for (i.e. aggressive behaviour), how long they were trespassed for and if there have been any breaches.

The following data shows the number of people who have been trespassed from Auckland City Hospital over the past five years, with a total to date for this year.

2014 13 2015 18 2016 16 2017 19 2018 29 2019 35 (to 20th October 2019)

Our file research established that we do not hold the information necessary to respond to your further questions of: what they were trespassed for (i.e. aggressive behaviour), how long they were trespassed for, and if there have been any breaches.

The information we do hold is not linked to other data required to answer the request, nor is it complete as we dispose of expired trespass orders.

Due to the substantial amount of work that would be required to research and collate the information, and the absence of key data, we are refusing the latter part of your request under section 18(e) of the OIA.

You are entitled to seek a review of the response by the Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act. Information about how to make a complaint is available at 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 faithfully

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Chief Executive

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