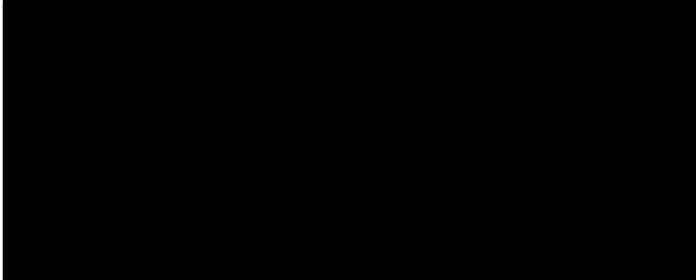


27 January 2021



Re: Official Information Act request – Acute mental health data – ADHB Ref: 20201210-743

I refer to your Official Information Act request dated 10 December 2020 requesting the following information:

This is a request under the Official Information Act for information relating to the condition of acute mental health units around the country.

I'm sending this request to every DHB to understand what facilities each DHB runs, how many beds they have in total, the condition of their buildings and to build a nationwide picture of demand.

I'm aware of the existence of the National Asset Management Programme and know that, as part of the NAMP process, DHBs have been required to self-assess their buildings. I'll be asking for this information as well as information gathered by the ministry as part of the NAMP reporting on mental health units.

Please provide the following information:

1. The name, location and number of beds for each mental health and intellectual disability unit (this includes forensic units) operated by your DHB.

Auckland DHB has six mental health inpatient units. As indicated below, some of these provide services for the local Auckland DHB population, and some for wider populations.

Unit name	Type	Location	Number of beds	Scope
Fraser McDonald Unit	Older adult acute inpatient	Auckland City Hospital campus, Grafton	15	Auckland DHB

Te Whetu Tawera	Adult acute inpatient	Auckland City Hospital campus, Grafton	58	Auckland DHB
Child and Family Unit	Child and adolescent acute inpatient	Starship Hospital, Auckland City Hospital campus, Grafton	18	Supra-regional
Mother and Baby Unit	Acute inpatient for mothers with babies	Co-located with Child and Family Unit	4	Auckland metro DHBs
Tupu Ora Residential	Eating disorder residential	Parnell	9	Supra-regional
Buchanan Clinic	Rehabilitation	Pt Chevalier	40	Sub-regional

2. All reports carried out by the Ombudsman in the past five years on any one of these units.

All reports from inspections that have been carried out by the Ombudsman on these units are publicly available and can be found at the following link:

<https://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz/resources>

3. For each unit, please provide the occupancy data for the 12 months ending November 30. What I mean by this is the average occupancy (in bed numbers) each month and the number of times the unit was caring for more patients than it had beds.

The average daily occupancy per month is presented below. There have been no times when any of the units have been caring for more patients than it had beds.

	Dec-19	Jan-20	Feb-20	Mar-20	Apr-20	May-20	Jun-20	Jul-20	Aug-20	Sep-20	Oct-20	Nov-20
Te Whetu Tawera - Adult Acute Inpatient Unit	55	56	55	54	45	52	54	54	54	55	52	56
Child and Family Unit - Child and Adolescent Acute Inpatient Unit	10	8	8	8	7	8	13	12	14	14	15	13
Fraser McDonald Unit - Older Adult Acute Inpatient Unit	11	12	12	11	10	13	14	13	13	13	11	12
Mother and baby Acute Inpatient Unit	3	3	2	2	1	2	2	2	1	1	2	2
Tupu Ora - Eating Disorders Residential Unit	8	7	8	7	6	6	6	6	6	7	6	7
Buchanan Centre - Adult Inpatient Rehabilitation Unit	39	39	39	39	38	38	40	38	37	40	40	40

4. Please describe what strategies your DHB employs to house and care for people in mental health and intellectual disability units if there are too few beds. Does your DHB turn office space/seclusion rooms into bedrooms? If not, how do you manage demand.

Auckland DHB never has more patients in the units than we do beds. Demand is managed through the community services as well as through careful discharge planning.

5. Please provide the most recent engineering/building report for each of your mental health and intellectual disability units (again, this includes forensic units).
6. Please provide the self-assessment data collected by your DHB and submitted to the Ministry of Health for each of your mental health and intellectual disability units.

We have sought clarification from you regarding the information you are seeking for these two questions. Our understanding is that you are seeking reports that have been submitted to the Ministry of Health in relation to the conditions of the units – specifically building/engineering reports. Please see attached excel spreadsheet.



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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ailsa Claire".

Ailsa Claire, OBE
Chief Executive of Te Toka Tumai (Auckland District Health Board)

