

15 June 2021



**Re: Official Information Act request – Mental health spending for the Asian community**

I refer to your Official Information Act request dated 19 April 2021 requesting the following information:

**Could you please provide:**

- 1. Number of patient referrals to mental health support of people of Asian ethnicity within ADHB over each of the years between 2010-2020.**

Please see the table below, and note the following information with regard to how to interpret this data. The data has been divided up into inpatient and community (outpatient) referrals, and has been further divided into one of three age bands: child/youth (up to 20 years of age); adult (20-65 years); older adult (over 65 years).

The ethnic breakdowns given (Chinese, Southeast Asian, Indian, Other Asian, Asian NFD) are the ethnicities recorded in the Auckland DHB systems. Auckland DHB allows people to choose up to 3 ethnicities, and so inclusion in this dataset is based on someone choosing any of the 5 ethnicities in one of the 3 ethnicity fields. Asian NFD means “Asian not further defined”. Indian ethnicity also includes those identified as Fijian Indian.

The dataset below is based on referrals received during the calendar year, limited to residence within the Auckland DHB catchment area. Age is based on age at the time of referral.

Please note that the data is a count of referrals rather than unique individuals. If a person was referred more than once during a year or was referred to more than one service, they would be counted more than once.

Please also note that a referral does not always result in service. Someone may be referred to an inpatient service, and after referral a clinical decision may be made for an alternative outcome to an admission. Similarly, a person referred to a community service may not end up being seen- the referral may be declined after triage, others may be provided with phone support only, some

potential patients may decide not to pursue the referral, and some may not attend an offered appointment.

**Number of referrals to Auckland DHB mental health services by year (2010 to 2020), by age, community or inpatient, and by Asian ethnicity identifier**

Service Type	Age Group	Ethnicity	Year										
			2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Community	Under 20y	Chinese	64	96	114	96	95	121	141	166	212	242	271
		Southeast Asian	9	22	16	34	26	45	54	44	53	81	93
		Indian	76	91	97	101	104	93	155	117	157	168	134
		Other Asian	36	55	65	74	78	82	83	95	109	93	156
		Asian NFD	2	3	11	9	6	7	7	14	12	14	8
	20-64y	Chinese	301	295	309	312	382	500	439	514	523	528	612
		Southeast Asian	35	63	69	79	107	133	121	139	153	184	204
		Indian	292	274	285	381	460	535	553	480	579	591	588
		Other Asian	141	179	220	200	311	328	308	331	332	339	431
		Asian NFD	14	19	10	21	17	12	21	34	31	28	39
	65y & older	Chinese	57	65	59	65	85	66	93	94	85	96	90
		Southeast Asian	6	6	7	1	4	7	11	18	17	3	5
		Indian	38	16	44	44	57	45	57	50	59	47	77
		Other Asian	10	7	12	14	11	25	25	26	15	21	25
		Asian NFD				1	3				3	3	
Inpatient	Under 20y	Chinese	1	5	4	3	7	6	8	15	8	16	8
		Southeast Asian	2		1		1		3	1			1
		Indian	1	2	4	2	4	5	11	3	5	2	2
		Other Asian	1		2		3	2			3	6	4
		Asian NFD							1				
	20-64y	Chinese	38	34	24	38	37	54	44	42	32	36	65
		Southeast Asian	4	16	7	7	12	10	10	8	14	9	16
		Indian	25	13	14	22	35	34	40	28	45	36	48
		Other Asian	12	17	22	10	22	17	16	18	16	22	27
		Asian NFD	1	2	2	1			3	1	5		1
	65y & older	Chinese	5	1	9	8	13	7	7	5	7	14	5
		Southeast Asian			1			1		2	3		
		Indian		2	1	3	6	4	1	1	2	5	4
		Other Asian	2			1		1	1	2	4	3	3
		Asian NFD				1						1	
<b>Total</b>			<b>1173</b>	<b>1283</b>	<b>1409</b>	<b>1528</b>	<b>1886</b>	<b>2140</b>	<b>2213</b>	<b>2248</b>	<b>2484</b>	<b>2588</b>	<b>2917</b>

## 2. Current ethnic breakdown (e.g. Indian XX%, Chinese XX%) of people served by ADHB

Auckland DHB does not collect this information. However, it is collected by Statistics New Zealand and available from various public sources, including the Ministry of Health:

<https://knowledgeauckland.org.nz/media/1443/asian-people-2018-census-info-sheet.pdf>

<https://www.health.govt.nz/new-zealand-health-system/my-dhb/auckland-dhb/population-auckland-dhb>

## 3. Total ADHB spending on mental health for each of the years between 2010-2010

The amounts given in the tables below are for each financial year, that is from July 1 to June 30.

ADHB Mental Health & Addictions											
Total ADHB Expenditure on Mental Health between 2010 and 2020											
	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Total ADHB	138,135,907	142,797,099	148,743,166	147,887,271	145,751,843	150,005,962	154,498,993	156,416,536	162,641,394	170,046,557	182,198,639

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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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