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[REDACTED] Information Request for Bariatric Surgery Data

I refer to your official information request dated 01 November 2021 for the following information:

By calendar year and for 2015-2020, the number of bariatric surgeries carried out and the age and ethnicity of the patients. Please include the age of the youngest patient who has received this surgery over this period.

The information you have requested is enclosed below.

1) Bariatric Surgeries done by Calendar year from 2015-2020 and Discharge Age Group

Age Group	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
15-30 years	6	5	6	6	8	6
31-40 years	7	18	17	18	33	7
>40 years	52	58	67	74	76	51

We have decided to decline your request to include the age of the youngest patient under s9(2)(a) of the Official Information Act, the protect privacy.

2) Bariatric Surgeries done by Discharge Age Group and Ethnicity for Calendar Year from 2015-2020

Age Group	Asian	European	Māori	Other	Pasifika
15-30 years	5	14	<5		14
31-40 years	12	27	23	<5	35
>40 years	28	170	90	12	78

We have decided to decline your request to include the age of the youngest patient under s9(2)(a) Official Information Act, to protect privacy and similarly to not release the precise number of those Māori in the age group 15-30.

I trust this information answers your questions.

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 sincerely,



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