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Re: Official Information Act request – Cancer Treatment Data

I refer to your Official Information Act request received dated 11 January and clarified with you 2 February requesting the following information:

1. Could I have a breakdown by year of the number of cancer treatments and surgeries undertaken in the Auckland district from 2015 to 2021?
2. Could this list also be broken down by the type of cancer being treated?
3. And finally could I have a list of the ages of people receiving cancer treatment in the Auckland district from 2015 to 2021?

Response

1. **Could I have a breakdown by year of the number of cancer treatments and surgeries undertaken in the Auckland district from 2015 to 2021?**

Year	Chemotherapy	Radiotherapy (fractions given)
2015	17,852	42,939
2016	19,280	43,113
2017	21,455	41,785
2018	22,969	40,942
2019	25,893	42,568
2020	26,539	39,262
2021	24,745	38,500

Please note these are treatment events – patients may have multiple instances of treatment.

2. **Could this list also be broken down by the type of cancer being treated?**

Inpatient events with a cancer diagnosis and had surgery										
Year	Head & Neck	Other	Gastrointestinal	Gynae	Brain	Urology	Lung	Haem	Breast	Skin
2015	229	67	358	457	183	444	175	742	194	732
2016	258	74	352	557	185	443	202	759	219	798
2017	243	69	342	560	183	467	197	751	194	689
2018	229	83	351	598	169	426	217	761	215	691
2019	240	82	357	638	213	558	213	664	265	575
2020	275	101	403	594	231	508	185	709	202	555
2021	273	96	398	549	280	483	213	626	247	487

Inpatient events with a cancer diagnosis and no surgery										
Year	Head & Neck	Other	Gastrointestinal	Gynae	Brain	Urology	Lung	Haem	Breast	Skin
2015	308	264	688	187	408	289	388	1369	200	684
2016	289	280	781	172	370	302	403	1405	177	579
2017	338	273	815	171	383	346	463	1389	179	899
2018	388	253	757	145	491	350	376	1363	128	972
2019	412	220	756	180	333	393	420	1511	191	765
2020	389	265	792	213	329	400	382	1610	194	360
2021	495	321	831	242	580	433	325	1697	174	310

Please note inpatient events are coded and therefore it is possible to identify with greater accuracy the location/type of cancer, but this is not possible with outpatient events. Patients included have a cancer diagnosis as their first or second diagnosis - patients may have more than one inpatient event and more than one type of cancer. Patients included in the surgery table have a cancer diagnosis and have a surgery during their stay although this may not be directly linked to their cancer diagnosis. Inpatient events where they do not have surgery can be for care relating to any part of the cancer pathway or for chemotherapy and radiotherapy as part of their inpatient stay and this is data which will be included in the first table.

3. And finally could I have a list of the ages of people receiving cancer treatment in the Auckland district from 2015 to 2021? (Clarified as people receiving treatment at Auckland DHB's service)

The ages of patients receiving cancer treatment at Auckland DHB between 2015 and 2021 ranges from under one year up to 104 years.

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 at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely,



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