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Official Information Act Request HNZ00009835 Stab Wounds

Request:

1. *Presentations to the four hospital Emergency Departments in Auckland - Auckland City Hospital, North Shore Hospital, Waitakere Hospital and Middlemore Hospital - with stab wounds by Financial Year for the past six years, including this Financial Year to date.*

Including;

2017/18

2018/19

2019/20

2020/21

2021/22

2022/23 - year-to-date

2. *A breakdown of sex and age of patients presenting at the four hospital Emergency Departments in Auckland - Auckland City Hospital, North Shore Hospital, Waitakere Hospital and Middlemore Hospital - with stab wounds over the past six years, including this Financial Year to date.*

3. *Admissions to the four hospitals in Auckland - Auckland City Hospital, North Shore Hospital, Waitakere Hospital and Middlemore Hospital - with stab wounds by Financial Year for the past six years, including this Financial Year to date.*

Including;

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4. *A breakdown of sex and age of patients being admitted to the four hospitals in Auckland - Auckland City Hospital, North Shore Hospital, Waitakere Hospital and Middlemore Hospital - with stab wounds over the past six years, including this Financial Year to date.*

5. *Average duration of care in hospital for individuals admitted to the four hospitals in Auckland with stab wounds over the past six years, including this Financial Year to date.*

Te Toka Tumai Auckland Response

The following data shows all patients presenting to the Te Toka Tumai Auckland Emergency Departments who had a coded diagnosis involving stabbing. Only visits longer than three hours are coded so patients with shorter stays are not included. The 2022/23 financial year data includes patients discharged year to date 26 January 2023.

1. *Presentations with stab wounds by financial year for the past six years, including this Financial Year to date.*

Table 1: Total number of stabbing coded presentations to Te Toka Tumai Auckland by financial year.

Year	Total
2017/18	281
2018/19	324
2019/20	329
2020/21	406
2021/22	390
2022/23*	184

*YTD 26 January 2023

2. *A breakdown of sex and age of patients presenting with stab wounds over the past six years, including this financial year to date.*

Note that our interpretation of breakdown of sex is male, female and unspecified/other by year.

We believe age breakdown by financial year is best interpreted and presented as 10 year age cohorts, rather than single-year age cohorts. This is because of the small numbers of presentations in single-year age cohorts. We have made this interpretation in the context of our obligations under the Health Information Privacy Code 2020 citing s 9(2)(a) Official Information Act – to protect the privacy of natural persons.

Where there are fewer than five people in the 10 year age cohort, we have indicated this using <5, to protect privacy.

Table 2: Number of stabbing coded presentations by 10 year cohort and financial year.

Year	0-9	10-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60-69	70-79	80-89	90-99
2017/18		82	89	65	17	13	15			
2018/19		88	124	56	31	14	<5	5	<5	<5
2019/20	<5	86	127	46	38	20	7	<5		
2020/21		134	149	61	36	18	<5	<5	<5	<5
2021/22		139	111	74	38	19	5	<5		
2022/23*		65	56	31	19	9	<5			<5

*YTD 26 January 2023

Table 3: Total number of stabbing coded presentations by gender and financial year.

Year	Female	Male	Unspecified / Another Gender
2017/18	144	134	<5
2018/19	178	142	<5
2019/20	170	157	<5
2020/21	205	199	<5
2021/22	197	184	9
2022/23*	91	86	7

*YTD 26 January 2023

3. *Admissions with stabbing code by financial year for the past six years, including this financial year to date.*

Table 4: Number of stabbing coded admissions by financial year.

Year	Total
2017/18	331
2018/19	362
2019/20	366
2020/21	454
2021/22	439
2022/23*	195

*YTD 26 January 2023

4. *A breakdown of sex and age of patients being admitted with stab wounds over the past six years, including this financial year to date.*

Note that our interpretation of breakdown of sex is male, female and unspecified/other by year.

We believe age breakdown by financial year is best interpreted and presented as 10 year age cohorts, rather than single-year age cohorts. This is because of the small numbers of presentations in single-year age cohorts. We have made this interpretation in the context of our obligations under the Health Information Privacy Code 2020 citing s 9(2)(a) Official Information Act – to protect the privacy of natural persons.

Where there are fewer than five people in the 10 year age cohort, we have indicated this using <5, to protect privacy.

Table 5: Number of stabbing code admissions by 10 year cohort and by financial year.

Year	0-9	10-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60-69	70-79	80-89	90-99
2017/18		101	103	72	21	15	19			
2018/19		109	131	60	33	15	7	5	<5	<5
2019/20	<5	102	139	47	45	21	7	<5		
2020/21		157	160	65	41	19	5	<5	<5	<5
2021/22		169	121	80	39	20	6	<5		
2022/23*		73	59	31	19	9	3			<5

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Table 6: Number of stabbing coded admissions by gender and by financial year.

Year	Female	Male	Unspecified / Another Gender
2017/18	172	156	<5
2018/19	205	153	<5
2019/20	197	166	<5
2020/21	240	212	<5
2021/22	232	197	10
2022/23*	98	89	8

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5. *Average duration of care in hospital for individuals admitted to the four hospitals in Auckland with stab wounds over the past six years, including this Financial Year to date.*

We have interpreted duration of care as length of stay (LOS).

Table 7: Average length of stay (LOS) of patients coded stabbing in days.

Year	Average of LOS Days
2017/18	6
2018/19	4
2019/20	4
2020/21	2
2021/22	3
2022/23*	2

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