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Dear Ms Lehnhard

**YOUR OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT (1982) REQUEST HBDHB REF: OIA2019056**

I refer to your Official Information Act request dated 15 April 2019 where you requested information from Hawke's Bay District Health Board (HBDHB). Your questions and HBDHB's response is provided below:

- *The total number of assaults against nurses by members of the public from 2013-2018.*

Over the period 2013-2018 a total of 70 assault-related events were reported by nursing staff.

- *How many assaults against nurses by members of the public, broken down by each year from 2013-2018.*

Please find below a table which shows assaults against nurses by members of the public, broken down by year, from 2013-2018. Please note this includes nurses, midwives, district nurses and public health nurses.

Year	Total
2013	14
2014	15
2015	9
2016	13
2017	13
2018	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>70</b>

I trust this information meets your needs. If you would like any further information or clarification please phone me. If you are not satisfied with this response you may contact the Office of the Ombudsmen, phone 0800 802 602.

Please note that this response, or an edited version of this response, may be published on the Hawke's Bay DHB website after your receipt of this response.

Yours sincerely



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