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Dear Siobhan

Subject: Official Information Act request Re: assaults on nurses

Thank you for your request for information under the Official Information Act received by Lakes DHB on 15 April 2019. You have asked for:

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

So (x) total for 2013-2018

(x) total for 2013

(x) total for 2014

(x) total for 2015

(x) total for 2016

(x) total for 2017

(x) total for 2018

It is important to note that we used two different reporting systems over this period and with a new system there has been better capturing of information.

Table One: Contains information from the first system spanning from 01 January 2013 – 31 December 2015.

Table two: Contains reported incidents from 1st March 2016 –31 December 2018

The reporting system used up to 2016 was paper-based and information captured was reliant on the detail written in by the incident reporter, therefore the number of blanks or no injury is because no detail or description was reported.

Descriptors of assaults captured from March 2016 (Table two) differ from the descriptors used in the previous system (Table One).

Actual physical assaults include bruising, scratching, biting, exposure to blood or body fluids and superficial wound.

Over the past 2 years there have been no incidents which have required reporting as Notifiable Events to WorkSafeNZ under the Health and Safety at Work Act nor were there any serious harm notifications under the Health and Safety in Employment Act between Jan 2013 – August 2018

Table One

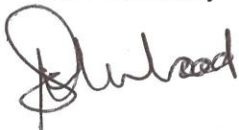
Incident date	Abuse Physical	Bite	Bruising /Crushing	Exposure	No Injury	Sprain / strain	Superficial wound	Blank (no detail)	Total per year
2013	6	4	3	1	2	0	0	1	17
2014	22	10	4	0	3	0	2	0	41
2015	27	0	2	0	1	1	3	9	43

Table Two

Type of Injury	2016	2017	2018
Superficial injury: no treatment required	30	12	35
First Aid	6	9	7
Medical Treatment via Emergency Department	6	7	4
On-going medical treatment with Lost time	0	1	2
Total per year	42	29	48

Please note we may publish this letter and enclosed documents (with your personal information removed) on Lakes DHB's website.

Yours sincerely



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Chief Executive

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