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Dear Ms Lehnhard

### Official Information Act Request

I refer to your Official Information Act request received on 17<sup>th</sup> April 2019 in which you specifically requested the following:

**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.**

Southern DHB changed to an electronic incident reporting system in March 2015 called Safety1st – the current reporting system provides a more consistent reporting approach. Prior to 2015, our systems were a mix of manual and paper based reporting. We are therefore unable to provide figures for 2013 and 2014. Please see the figures below for 2015 – 2018.

Year	Number of Assaults (physical)
2015	1
2016	0
2017	1
2018	2

You have the right to seek an investigation and review of our decision by the Ombudsman. The Ombudsman's Office can be contacted on 0800 802 602 or on-line at <http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz/>.

Yours sincerely



Chris Fleming  
Chief Executive Officer