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By email: fyi-request-10409-afdd19ec@requests.fyi.org.nz
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Dear Jan

Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your request of 29 May 2019 under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) for:

"I am seeking information on the number of diagnosed and treated cases of tumours to the 4th ventricle of the brain in the last ten years"

On 13 June 2019 you refined your request to:

"I now seek information pertaining to the number of hospitalisations based on 4th ventricle cancers being the primary diagnoses in patients over the age of 20 years for a ten year period"

The number of cancer registrations with malignant neoplasm of the brain stem from 2008 to 2017 is outlined below. Please note, the most recent data held by the Ministry of Health (the Ministry) is from 2017.

Year	Count
2008	7
2009	11
2010	12
2011	8
2012	12
2013	11
2014	8
2015	8
2016	13
2017	12

The number of publicly funded hospital discharges from 2008 to 2017 with a primary diagnosis of malignant neoplasm of the brain stem is as follows. Included is a column which shows the number of distinct people hospitalised during that year. Please note, that if a person was hospitalised in more than one year then they would be counted in both years, which explains why there are more people hospitalised in a year than were diagnosed.

Year	Discharges	Distinct People Hospitalised
2008	44	15
2009	42	17
2010	53	24
2011	52	25
2012	51	29
2013	55	22
2014	41	20
2015	73	25
2016	79	29
2017	67	26
2018	68	28

I trust that this information fulfils your request. You have the right, under section 28 of the Act, to ask the Ombudsman to review any decisions made under this request.

Please be aware that this response (with your personal details removed) may be published on the Ministry's website.

Yours sincerely



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