

15 April 2021

Tess McCawe Via <u>fyi-request-15000-c2ebbcec@requests.fyi.org.nz</u>

Dear Ms McCawe

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION – OUR REFERENCE: IR-01-21-10262

I refer to your request dated 26 March 2021, which sought the following information:

Please provide the total number of individual profiles that the police have placed a 1M alert on. Please provide counts for the following demographic breakdown of the profiles that have a 1M alert:

Males under 20 Males 20-39 Males 40-59 Males 60-79 Males 80+ Females under 20 Females 20-39 Females 40-59 Females 60-79 Females 80+ Other gender identity under 20 Other gender identity 20-39 Other gender identity 40-59 Other gender identity 60-79 Other gender identity 80+

Your request has been considered in accordance with the Official Information Act 1982.

Alerts are recorded by Police for a variety of reasons and are used to communicate a risk, operational requirement, or any other important information.

The Police National Recording Standard (NRS) describes the Mental Health alert's purpose "to advise staff that a person been involved in an incident reported to police where mental health was the reason for police attendance or a contributing factor".

As at 15 April 2021, the following information about individual person profiles with at least one Mental Health alert is tabulated below for your request for Gender and Age Group information. The dataset is individuals (non-deceased) in Police's National Intelligence Application (NIA) who have a current or expired Mental Health Alert.

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|          | Female | Male  | Unknown | Total |
|----------|--------|-------|---------|-------|
| Under 20 | 971    | 1383  | 1       | 2355  |
| 20-39    | 4795   | 7221  | 4       | 12020 |
| 40-59    | 3585   | 4349  | 4       | 7938  |
| 60-79    | 1602   | 1491  | 8       | 3101  |
| 80+      | 455    | 362   | 3       | 820   |
| Unknown  | 3      | 4     | 1       | 8     |
| Sum:     | 11411  | 14810 | 21      | 26242 |

NIA does not currently have fields to record a person's gender; it allows recording of 'biological sex'. The three options are *Male*, *Female*, and *unknown*.

I trust that the information provided satisfactorily addresses your areas of interest. If not, then you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review the way your request has been handled.

Respectfully,

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