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Dear Elodie

**RE Official Information Act request WCDHB 9549**

We are writing to acknowledge your email received today requesting the following information under the Official Information Act from West Coast DHB. Specifically:

**I am seeking information on the performance and service of DHBs for their provision of mental health services. I would like data for the following:**

1. **For Community Mental Health; Child and adolescent mental health; and (Te Haika) Mental Health Crisis response:**
  - a. **Number of distinct new entries/cases per month, by age group (five year bands if possible\*), 2015 – 2020 calendar year**
  - b. **Number of total new entries/cases per month, by age group (five year bands), 2015 – 2020 calendar year**
  - c. **Number of distinct cases open at month end, by age group (five year bands), 2015 – 2020 calendar year**
  - d. **Number of distinct exits per month, by age group (five year bands if possible\*), 2015 – 2020 calendar year**
  - e. **Number of total new exits per month, by age group (five year bands), 2015 – 2020 calendar year**
2. **For the DHB:**
  - a. **Number of hospitalisations for mental health per year, by age group (five year bands), 2015 – 2020 calendar year**
  - b. **Number of people waitlisted to see a psychologist per year, by age group (five year bands), 2015 – 2020 calendar year**
  - c. **Number of people seeing a psychologist, per year, by age group (five year bands), 2015 – 2020 calendar year**
  - d. **Number of psychologists employed by the DHB at year end (split by part time, full time, contracted) by year, 2015 – 2020 calendar year**

**\*Five year bands are ideally 0 – 5, 6 – 10, 11 -15, 16- 20, 21 – 25, 26 -30, etc. If there is too much suppression in those age bands can it please be in ten year age bands.**

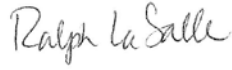
We will consider your request against the provisions of the Official Information Act (see overleaf) and advise you of our decision regarding the release of information within 20 working days (being the statutory timeframe provided within the Act.)

Accordingly, and taking into account the public holiday for Anzac Day we will notify you no later than 26 May 2021 of our decision.

Your request is being handled by Kathleen Smitheram. If you have any queries, please feel free to contact either myself (details above) or Kathleen. ([Kathleen.smitheram@cdhb.health.nz](mailto:Kathleen.smitheram@cdhb.health.nz);) phone (03) 364-4134).

Please refer to the OIA number above when phoning or emailing. If any additional factors come to light which are relevant to your request, please do not hesitate to contact us so that these can be taken into account.

Yours sincerely



Ralph La Salle  
**Acting Executive Director**  
**Planning, Funding & Decision Support**

#### 15 Decisions on requests

(1) Subject to this Act, the department or Minister of the Crown or organisation to whom a request is made in accordance with [section 12](#) or is transferred in accordance with [section 14](#) of this Act or [section 12](#) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 shall, as soon as reasonably practicable, and in any case not later than 20 working days after the day on which the request is received by that department or Minister of the Crown or organisation,—

(1)(a) decide whether the request is to be granted and, if it is to be granted, in what manner and for what charge (if any); and

(1)(b) give or post to the person who made the request notice of the decision on the request

[If we are unable to make a decision on your request by the date noted above, we will notify you of an extension of that timeframe.]