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Dear Elodie

**RE Official Information Act request WCDHB 9549**

I refer to your email dated 23 April 2021 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 are writing to confirm that we are granting a full response to your request. Our response is in its final review and approval process and will be sent to you as soon as is reasonably practicable.

Yours sincerely

Ralph La Salle  
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