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Tēnā koe Tui

### Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) to the Ministry of Health (the Ministry) on 18 September 2021 for:

*“Can you please provide the overall monthly figures from January 2020 till November 2020 (by month) on Intentional self-harm hospitalisations in New Zealand that were reported but did not end in mortality, and a breakdown or graph of the ethnicity and age of the above requests. In a numbers or excel document Can you also please add a column to show the overall figures from January 2020 till November 2020 (By month) on Intentional self-harm hospitalisations in New Zealand that were fatal, and a breakdown or graph of the ethnicity and age of the above requests. If any of these figures are unavailable for the dates specified please provide the most up-to-date figures you have.”*

Information about self-harm hospitalisations can be found in Appendix 1 and is released in full.

Data on suspected intentionally self-inflicted deaths, which is released by the Chief Coroner, and Ministry data on confirmed suicides, is publicly available via an interactive web tool: [www.health.govt.nz/publication/suicide-web-tool](http://www.health.govt.nz/publication/suicide-web-tool). The suicide web tool includes statistics on suspected intentionally self-inflicted deaths from 1 January 2009 to 30 June 2021, and confirmed suicide deaths from 1 January 2009 to 31 December 2018, presented by calendar and financial year.

I trust this information fulfils your request. Under section 28(3) of the Act, you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review any decisions made under this request. The Ombudsman may be contacted by email at: [info@ombudsman.parliament.nz](mailto:info@ombudsman.parliament.nz) or by calling 0800 802 602.

Please note that this response, with your personal details removed, may be published on the Ministry website at: [www.health.govt.nz/about-ministry/information-releases/responses-official-information-act-requests](http://www.health.govt.nz/about-ministry/information-releases/responses-official-information-act-requests).

Nāku noa, nā



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