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Dear Brian

RE Official information request CDHB 10795

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 6th January 2022 and logged today requesting the following information under the Official Information Act from Canterbury DHB.

Following on from your FOI release of information on 2020 and 2021 emergency department presentations*, have any causes for the increase in 2021 been found?

* link to our previous response CDHB 10751

<https://www.cdhb.health.nz/wp-content/uploads/15b3423d-cdhd-10751-emergency-department-presentations.pdf>

Here I show my calculations for the increases above 17% which appears to be the average increase:

1 Mar-31Dec2020 (306 days) 1Mar-14Nov2021 (256 days) % change per day Presenting Complaint

4 54 1513.67 Abnormal blood test
4 20 497.66 Abnormal vital signs
7 16 173.21 Insomnia
232 422 117.42 Follow-up visit
16 27 101.71 Aggressive behaviour
24 38 89.26 Tremor
810 1261 86.09 Cough
217 329 81.22 Plaster cast problem
28 42 79.30 Swollen leg (single)
12 18 79.30 Chemical exposure
31 46 77.37 Postpartum complication
22 29 57.56 Removal of skin sutures or staples
1552 2030 56.35 General weakness/fatigue/unwell
79 102 54.33 Change of dressing
18 23 52.73 Electrical injury
23 29 50.71 Hypothermia
40 49 46.43 Swelling of tongue
28 34 45.15 Itching
89 105 41.02 Pain in anus and/or rectum
4687 5469 39.47 Shortness of breath
31 36 38.81 Nasal congestion
101 117 38.47 Abdominal distension
290 330 36.02 Earache
39 44 34.86 Discharge from ear
34 38 33.59 Episodes of not breathing (apnoea)
26 29 33.32 Exposure to blood and/or body fluid
106 118 33.06 Coughing up blood
49 54 31.73 Injury of nose
61 67 31.29 Foreign body in ear
12 13 29.49 Sexual assault
2560 2761 28.92 Fever symptoms

312 336 28.73 Foreign body in eye
56 60 28.07 Administration of medication
1444 1546 27.97 Mental health problem
243 259 27.40 Weakness of face muscles
103 108 25.33 Crying baby
235 245 24.62 Altered sensation
7032 7264 23.47 Injury of upper limb
672 692 23.09 Sore throat
35 36 22.95 Injury of ear
233 239 22.61 Vomiting blood
489 500 22.22 Wound complication
90 92 22.19 Abnormal behaviour
949 969 22.05 Altered mental state
55 56 21.70 Cardiac arrest
1420 1443 21.47 Localised swelling or lump of skin
940 955 21.44 Multiple injuries – minor
630 640 21.43 Pregnancy problem
6073 6165 21.34 Injury of lower limb
356 360 20.87 Visual disturbance
275 278 20.84 Multiple injuries – major
402 406 20.72 Alcohol/drug intoxication or withdrawal
367 368 19.86 Vaginal bleeding – not pregnant
7006 6952 18.61 Chest pain
1942 1906 17.32 Collapse and/or syncope.

Where you have given <5 I have substituted 4.
I have not included presentations where neither figure was 20 or more.

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

Accordingly, we will notify you, no later than 14 February 2022, of our decision.

Please note: As per the Ombudsman's guidance Official Information Act requests/responses close down between 25 December 2021 and 16 January 2022. We are also taking into account the public holiday for Waitangi Day on 7 February 2022.

Your request is being handled by Lara Williams. If you have any queries, please feel free to contact either myself (details above) or Lara. (Lara.williams2@cdhb.health.nz; Phone (03) 364 4140). Please refer to the OIA number above when phoning or emailing.

Yours sincerely



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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.]