

09 February 2022

Paul Blackham

By email: fyi-request-18304-9a4cf402@requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear Paul

Re: Official Information Act request – Presentation and Admission for Heart Disease - ADHB Ref: 20220110-1146

I refer to your Official Information Act request dated 25 January 2022 requesting the following information:

I am seeking the number of people that have visited any/all hospitals and doctor's surgeries within the ADHB for any/all heart related issues, (including but not limited to pericarditis, myocarditis, heart attacks and strokes). The data requested is for the 11 month period from February 2021 until December 2021 inclusive, displayed in month by month format, and compared to the monthly data for the previous three years.

Response

We do not collect the primary care data you have requested and Auckland DHB does not hold this information. This part of your request is therefore refused on the basis that the documents asserted to contain the information requested do not exist and, despite reasonable efforts to locate them, cannot be found or are not held by this agency. We do so citing s18(e) of the Official Information Act.

The table below is the combined inpatient and outpatient events. Please note these inpatient events are based on a coded heart or stroke related patient event. To have a coded diagnosis the patient must have a stay of greater than three hours and have been discharged as coding is completed after the patient is discharged.

The outpatient events are based on the specialty the patient was seen under as outpatient events are not coded. "Heart related" specialties are included with the exception of strokes. It is not possible to identify outpatient events relating to stroke as these patients may be seen by a variety of specialties and these specialties do not exclusively treat stroke patients.

Table 1. Heart Related Presentations

	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2018	4,215	4,961	4,205	5,074	4,348	4,600	4,892	4,344	5,012	5,336	4,110
2019	4,418	5,033	4,548	5,298	4,305	5,085	4,517	4,397	4,610	4,771	4,120
2020	4,337	4,814	3,345	4,549	5,268	5,405	4,863	5,544	5,198	5,128	4,597
2021	4,568	5,860	4,921	5,556	5,402	5,405	4,693	4,412	4,585	5,212	4,515

Yours sincerely,



Ailsa Claire, OBE
Chief Executive