



OIA REQUEST

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Subject: Heart Related Issues and Surgeries

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In response to your request under the Official Information Act, please find our response below:

Request

I am seeking the number of people that have visited any/all hospitals and doctor's surgeries within the BOPDHB 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
- Compared to the monthly data for the previous three years

Response

This data is for all patients admitted to Hospital with the primary diagnosis - as requested. It is separated into Ischaemic heart disease (unstable angina or myocardial infarction), inflammatory heart disease (pericarditis, myocarditis, and endocarditis) and cerebrovascular diseases related to bleeds or thrombotic episode (stroke, haemorrhage, or infarction).

We are unable to provide data for presentations to ED (who were not admitted to hospital), as the coding system is less accurate. It is highly unlikely for a person with these conditions not to be admitted.

Ischaemic heart diseases

Month	2018	2019	2020	2021
February	67	66	70	59
March	71	61	58	92
April	59	65	56	61
May	74	74	82	81
June	66	66	88	79
July	59	71	88	80
August	74	70	77	72
September	74	69	87	68
October	74	81	67	78
November	78	74	77	72
December	64	68	82	60
Grand Total	760	765	832	802



Heart disease including Pericarditis, endocarditis, and myocarditis

Month	2018	2019	2020	2021
February	3	7	5	2
March	9	7	3	9
April	7	6	4	6
May	9	3	2	4
June	6	5	6	4
July	2	4	6	8
August	6	4	8	8
September	8	5	5	5
October	1	5	12	7
November	5	7	6	7
December	7	4	5	5
Grand Total	63	57	62	65

Cerebrovascular diseases (including intracerebral haemorrhage, cerebral infarction, stroke, occlusion and stenosis of cerebral arteries)

Month	2018	2019	2020	2021
February	46	42	28	34
March	37	41	37	44
April	41	39	35	34
May	39	40	44	56
June	21	43	58	43
July	38	58	48	41
August	46	37	39	42
September	39	44	52	47
October	39	37	47	43
November	47	43	44	43
December	31	49	53	36
Grand Total	424	473	485	463

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Yours sincerely



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