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Dear Mr Blackham

### Official Information Act Request

Thank you for your request dated 28 January 2022 pursuant to the Official Information Act 1982, in which you request the following information:

**...the number of people that have visited any/all hospitals and doctor's surgeries within the WDHB 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.**

Please note that we do not have access to data for doctor's surgeries/GP information. The relevant outpatient and inpatient heart related statistics are provided for your information below.

#### Outpatient Statistics

Outpatient FSA Attendances for Cardiology Specialty, Feb 21 to Dec-21											
	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
<b>2021</b>	108	156	100	78	52	123	83	60	49	116	112
<b>2020</b>	115	122	19	154	125	155	149	141	164	160	146
<b>2019</b>	115	131	126	152	122	105	134	123	135	169	118
<b>2018</b>	110	142	135	136	122	112	131	132	116	97	95

#### Inpatient Statistics

Criteria: Admission to Cardiology Specialty OR Heart related Principal diagnosis OR DRG of Circulatory disorders OR Principal diagnosis of stroke or stroke symptoms.

Total Admissions (Acute, Arranged and Elective)											
	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
<b>2021</b>	1012	1318	1168	1170	1123	1260	1238	1331	1333	1260	1253
<b>2020</b>	1170	1062	734	1067	1274	1363	1278	1213	1260	1292	1225
<b>2019</b>	969	1137	1083	1150	1074	1159	1237	1218	1261	1210	1203
<b>2018</b>	1011	1158	999	1189	1157	1157	1264	1159	1152	1243	1043

The above inpatient information covers the Waikato District Health Board (DHB) and the following hospitals: Waikato, Tokoroa, Thames, Te Kuiti, Taumaranui, Rhoda Read, Matariki, and Henry Bennett Centre.

Waikato DHB supports the open disclosure of information to assist community understanding of how we are delivering publically-funded healthcare. This includes the proactive publication of anonymised Official Information Act responses on our website from 10 working days after they have been released.

Yours sincerely



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