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Your Official Information Act request, reference: GOV-021317

Thank you for your request of 17 October 2022, asking for the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

I am following up on a request made earlier this year to ACC: OIA reference: GOV-018467. Thank you for providing the total number of medical treatment injury or medical misadventure claims that were submitted to ACC between 1 July 2016 and 30 June 2021. I am writing to request further detail. In particular, for each of the years 1 January 2016 to present, please provide the total of cancer and non-cancer related medical treatment injury or medical misadventure claims submitted to ACC which were related to care obtained at what is now known as Te Whatu Ora Health NZ Waikato (aka Waikato District Health Board) or one of their contracted providers (e.g., Hamilton Radiology, Midland MRI, Pathlab, etc.).

ACC does not routinely record cancer-related data

Identifying more recent cancer-related claims would require substantial collation and research, as we would have to do a manual clinical review of all new treatment injury claims to determine whether they were cancer-related. As such, we are refusing to provide the claims data requested for 30 June 2021 onwards. This decision has been made under section 18(f) of the Act.

The claims below are flagged if they existed in the data pool of accepted cancer claims that was extracted and reviewed by our clinical services team in July 2021. Consistent with our response of 22 June 2022 (Ref GOV-018467) the data provided covers claims accepted between 1 July 2016 and 30 June 2021.

The requested information is provided in the table below

Please consider the following points when interpreting the data provided:

- ‘Misdiagnosis’ is a subset of treatment omission. ACC does not record the events for misdiagnosis routinely. However, for the purposes of this request, claims that were marked as ‘treatment omission’ have been included.
- The data was extracted on 17 June 2022 and may differ if extracted again at a later date.

Table 1: Number of accepted claims in Waikato DHB by financial year of claim lodgement

Year	Cancer-related	Not Cancer-related
2016/17	4	16
2017/18	6	13
2018/19	0	12
2019/20	6	12
2020/21	<4	8

Please some values in the table only indicate that the claim count is fewer than four (denoted as <4) to limit the potential for individuals or matters specific to certain individuals from being identified. Withholding the data in this way is necessary to protect our clients' privacy.

This decision has been made under section 9(2)(a) of the Act. In doing so, we have considered the public interest in making the information available and have determined that it does not outweigh the need to protect our clients' privacy.

If you have any questions about this response, please get in touch

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