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Tēnā koe Samuel

**Your request for official information, reference: HN200033676**

I refer to your request for information, transferred to Te Whatu Ora on 9 November 2023, requesting the following which has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

*“... details of the Cardiac Callouts involving Heart Issues from 01.01.2017 - to the 31.05.2022 inclusive, broken down by month and age bands as follows:- 0-9, 10-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70-79, 80-89, 90 and above”.*

Te Whatu Ora does not hold data broken down into age bands, and the data captured by rotary wing (helicopter) air ambulance providers is not detailed enough to enable us to accurately quantify cardiac incidents. In addition, the way cardiac arrest data was captured by road ambulance providers (Hato Hone St John and Wellington Free Ambulance) changed from 1 July 2018, which makes it difficult to compare data prior to that date.

We do, however, hold the number of road ambulance callouts for cardiac arrests from 1 July 2018 to 31 May 2022, broken down by month. This data is enclosed as **Annex One**.

We are refusing the remainder of your request under section 18(g) of the Act, because the information requested is not held by us and we have no grounds for believing that the information is held by another department.

You may wish to contact Hato Hone St John and Wellington Free Ambulance directly to ask if they hold data that includes age bands. Please note, they are not subject to the Act and therefore not obligated to respond. You can contact Hato Hone St John at [info@stjohn.org.nz](mailto:info@stjohn.org.nz) and Wellington Free Ambulance at [info@wfa.org.nz](mailto:info@wfa.org.nz).

**How to get in touch**

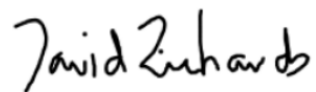
If you have any questions, you can contact us at [hnzOIA@health.govt.nz](mailto:hnzOIA@health.govt.nz).

If you are not happy with this response, you have the right to make a complaint to the Ombudsman. Information about how to do this is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or by phoning 0800 802 602.

As this information may be of interest to other members of the public, Te Whatu Ora may proactively release a copy of this response on our website. All requester data, including your name

and contact details, will be removed prior to release.

Nāku iti noa, nā



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## Cardiac arrest incidents by month (road ambulance only)

Month	Number of incidents
2018-07	68
2018-08	48
2018-09	45
2018-10	61
2018-11	53
2018-12	49
2019-01	38
2019-02	40
2019-03	45
2019-04	40
2019-05	46
2019-06	56
2019-07	57
2019-08	59
2019-09	48
2019-10	67
2019-11	61
2019-12	46
2020-01	56
2020-02	56
2020-03	47
2020-04	51
2020-05	55
2020-06	34
2020-07	59
2020-08	58
2020-09	42
2020-10	54
2020-11	57
2020-12	60
2021-01	48
2021-02	42
2021-03	37
2021-04	39
2021-05	60
2021-06	44
2021-07	56
2021-08	49
2021-09	53
2021-10	49
2021-11	39
2021-12	38
2022-01	55
2022-02	49
2022-03	48
2022-04	55
2022-05	54

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