

29 August 2024

Elisabeth Cotter
fyi-request-28039-ded431ee@requests.fyi.org.nz

Tēnā koe Elisabeth,

Your request for official information, reference: HNZ00060721

Thank you for your email on 14 August 2024, asking Health New Zealand | Te Whatu Ora for the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

Can you please provide me with the numbers of pacemakers inserted into people in New Zealand by race and age, from July 2010 to July 2024?

Response

Please find attached **Appendix 1**, which shows the numbers of publicly-funded hospital discharges following a procedure to insert a pacemaker, broken down by ethnicity (Māori, Pacific, Asian or other) and by age group, from the 2009/10 calendar year to the 2023/24 calendar year.

Please note that data for 2021 onwards is provisional and subject to change, and to avoid revealing sensitive information about potentially identifiable individuals in our data, all values between 1 and 5 are suppressed and represented as <5.

This information is withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act as it is necessary to protect the privacy of individuals concerned. The need to protect the privacy of these individuals is not outweighed by the public interest in the release of this information.

How to get in touch

If you have any questions, you can contact us at hnzOIA@tewhatauora.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 or by phoning 0800 802 602.

As this information may be of interest to other members of the public, Health NZ 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



Gaynor Bradfield
Group Manager, Business Support
Data and Digital