

Southern District Health Board

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Dear Scout

Re: Official Information Act Request

I refer to your Official Information Act request received by email on 11 November 2016 in which you specifically requested the following:

- 1. In 2013/14, 2014/15, and 2015/16, how many people were admitted or treated by medical staff for a suicide attempt or severe self harm event at Dunedin Hospital who had been in contact with Emergency Psychiatric Services within one month prior?
- 2. In 2013/14, 2014/15, and 2015/16, how many people were admitted or treated by medical staff for a suicide attempt or severe self harm event at Dunedin Hospital who had been in contact with Emergency Psychiatric Services within one week prior?
- 3. In 2013/14, 2014/15, and 2015/16, how many people were admitted or treated by medical staff for a suicide attempt or severe self harm event at Dunedin Hospital who had been in contact with community mental health teams within one month prior?
- 4. In 2013/14, 2014/15, and 2015/16, how many people were admitted or treated by medical staff for a suicide attempt or severe self harm event at Dunedin Hospital who had been in contact with community mental health teams within one week prior?

Please present this information in a table or spreadsheet for simpler interpretation by the public.

Southern DHB does not capture this data electronically. Gathering this data would require a manual review of individual patient records. After considering the options of charging or extending the timeframe, we have concluded that we are unable to respond to your request under section 18(f) of the Official Information Act, as the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation or research.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review of our decision by the Ombudsman. The Ombudsman's Office can be contacted on 0800 802 602 or on-line at http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz/.

Yours sincerely

Chris Fleming

Interim Chief Executive Officer