

12 September 2017

Destiny Wiringi

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Dear Destiny

Re Official Information Act Request – Number of patients admitted with mental health issues

I refer to your Official Information Act (OIA) request dated 13 July 2017 requesting the following information:

Can you please give me the figures of patients (from 1996 to 2016) with the below symptoms/diagnoses below:

- **Diagnosis of bipolar disorder**
- **Seizures**
- **Abnormal bleeding**
- **Depression**
- **Suicidal thoughts/attempts**
- **Death by suicide**
- **Insomnia**
- **Anxiety**

The requested information covers a very wide timespan and is a mixture of diagnoses, events, and symptoms. Obtaining all of the information requested has not been possible because it would have required substantial research and collation. Because of this, Rory Barton from DHB Shared Services wrote to you on 19 July 2017 to see if you were willing to amend your request to narrow the scope and clarify what we might be able to provide that would meet your needs. Unfortunately Rory did not hear back from you and so we were unable to clarify your request.

In light of this, we have decided to partially meet your request by providing as much information as we can for the longest time period possible. Section 16(2) enables us to provide this partial response because providing a complete response to your request would impair the efficient administration of Auckland DHB.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact Michelle Webb, OIA Administrator on (09) 307 4949 ext. 22365 or by email to: michellewebb@adhb.govt.nz.

The numbers provided in the table below relate to the specified financial year, and are counts of individuals with a diagnosis of anxiety, bipolar disorder or depression on discharge during that year. The same individual may be counted in more than one diagnostic column.

The number of suicides has been provided for current or recently discharged mental health service users who have died by suicide or are suspected of having died by suicide.

Note that we are unable to provide information on seizures, abnormal bleeding, suicidal thoughts or attempts, or insomnia.

Financial Year	Anxiety	Bipolar	Depression	Suicide
2008/09	452	354	953	*
2009/10	492	371	1016	*
2010/11	511	389	1022	10
2011/12	513	394	942	11
2012/13	554	400	1141	13
2013/14	674	420	1148	11
2014/15	675	356	1168	10
2015/16	814	411	1339	12
2016/17	804	388	1113	12

*Note: *Data not available for these years*

Yours faithfully



Ailsa Claire, OBE
Chief Executive