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Dear Destiny

Subject: Official Information Act request Re: diagnoses and symptoms

Thank you for your request for information under the Official Information Act received by Lakes DHB on 14 July 2017. You have asked for:

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.

Lakes DHB is unable to answer this request as it is very broad and information is not captured in the way you have asked for it. In addition patient management systems can only be accessed for the years since 2010/11, without significant work which would require a cost.

There are hundreds of patient codes and discharges are not coded by symptoms. Retrieving the data requires very specific data requests of the system.

Could you please be more specific about what you are looking for so we may be able to help you get the information you are looking for.

Yours sincerely

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Chief Executive

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