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Dear Ti Lamusse

Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your request for information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) on 1 April 2019 for:

“The number of self-inflicted deaths at publicly-funded in-patient mental health facilities, broken down by year as far back as records permit. Please break this down by ethnicity and gender.

The number of self-inflicted deaths of patients of publicly-funded in-patient mental health facilities, broken down by year as far back as records permit. Please break this down by ethnicity and gender.”

On 4 April 2019, the Ministry of Health (the Ministry) requested you clarify your request, because the second question could only be answered using a specific, pre-existing dataset, with different definitions for "in-patient mental health facilities" and "self-inflicted deaths", and excluding those over 65. You advised us on 5 April 2019 that you wished your first question to be consistent with your second question.

Please find the information you have requested attached to this letter. This data includes both deaths due to suicide, and those with undetermined intent (i.e. the coroner did not know if it was suicide, an accident, or a homicide). This is the data used in the Office of the Director of Mental Health and Addiction Services Annual Report 2017.

I trust that this information fulfils your request.

Yours sincerely



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Suicides by service use, ages 10 to 64, 2001 to 2015:

Table One: Number of service users who saw an in-patient team on day of death:

		TOTAL:	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Māori																	
	Total	8	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1
	Male	6	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1
	Female	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pacific																	
	Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Male	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Female	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other																	
	Total	42	2	1	3	2	0	1	1	2	8	2	4	8	4	4	0
	Male	24	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	5	1	1	6	2	4	0
	Female	18	0	1	2	1	0	1	1	1	3	1	3	2	2	0	0
Total																	
	Total	50	2	2	3	3	0	2	2	2	8	3	5	8	4	5	1
	Male	30	2	1	1	2	0	0	0	1	5	2	2	6	2	5	1
	Female	20	0	1	2	1	0	2	2	1	3	1	3	2	2	0	0

Table Two: Number of service users who saw an in-patient team in the previous 365 days, excluding those who received treatment on day of death:

		TOTAL	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Māori																	
	Total	171	11	13	17	15	15	13	11	10	4	7	11	13	10	10	11
	Male	119	9	9	14	10	8	7	9	5	2	5	9	11	6	8	7
	Female	52	2	4	3	5	7	6	2	5	2	2	2	2	4	2	4
Pacific																	
	Total	24	2	1	1	1	2	2	0	1	0	1	2	6	1	1	3
	Male	17	2	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	5	1	1	3
	Female	7	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
Other																	
	Total	744	64	45	64	51	46	57	52	48	44	40	36	47	47	58	45
	Male	458	38	28	43	33	27	42	31	24	28	24	28	25	27	33	27
	Female	286	26	17	21	18	19	15	21	24	16	16	8	22	20	25	18
Total																	
	Total	939	77	59	82	67	63	72	63	59	48	48	49	66	58	69	59
	Male	594	49	37	57	44	36	50	40	30	30	29	38	41	34	42	37
	Female	345	28	22	25	23	27	22	23	29	18	19	11	25	24	27	22