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Tēnā koe [redacted]

Your Official Information Act request, reference: HNZ3570 – hallucinogenic-induced psychosis

Thank you for your Official Information Act request received 30 August seeking information from Te Whatu Ora - Health New Zealand Waitematā about hallucinogenic-induced psychosis.

Before responding to your specific questions, it may be useful to provide some context about our services. Waitematā is the largest and one of the most rapidly growing health districts in the country, serving a population of around 650,000 across the North Shore, Waitakere and Rodney areas. We are the largest employer in the district, employing more than 8,900 people across more than 80 locations.

In addition to providing care to our own resident population, we are the Northern Region provider of forensic mental health services and child rehabilitation services, plus the metro Auckland provider of child community dental services and community alcohol and drug services.

In response to your request, we are able to provide the following information:

1. How many people were admitted to hospital due to hallucinogenic-induced psychosis within the Auckland region due to between the years of 2002 - 2022?

Thank you for your subsequent clarification that this was to include Emergency Department admissions. The information below is for the Waitematā district only.

Patients admitted due to hallucinogenic-induced psychosis within the Waitematā region from 2002 – 2022	
Mental Health inpatient unit admissions*	21
Hospital Emergency Department admission and discharge	22
Hospital inpatient ward admissions	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>43</b>

\* North Shore (He Puna Waiora) and Waitakere (Waiatarau).

As your request was specific to psychosis induced by hallucinogens, we have used the International Classification of Diseases (ICD) codes related to those presentations. Please note, there are subcategories for mental and behavioural disorders related to psychoactive substance abuse which have not been used.

The ICD codes used are as follows:

ICD code	Descriptor
<b>From July 1, 2013 to present</b>	
F16.50	Mental and behavioural disorders due to use of hallucinogens, psychotic disorder, unspecified hallucinogen
F16.51	Mental and behavioural disorders due to use of hallucinogens, psychotic disorder, ketamine

<b>F16.59</b>	Mental and behavioural disorders due to use of hallucinogens, psychotic disorder, other specified hallucinogen
<b>2002-June 30, 2013</b>	
<b>F16.5</b>	Mental and behavioural disorders due to use of hallucinogens, psychotic disorder

**2. How many people who were admitted to hospital in the Auckland region due to hallucinogenic-induced psychosis or an accident caused by hallucinogenic-induced psychosis consequently lost their lives?**

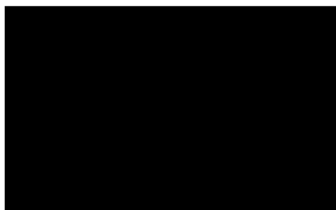
No patients lost their lives within the Waitematā district as a consequence of an admission/event related to hallucinogenic-induced psychosis between 2002 to 2022.

I trust that this information is helpful.

Waitematā supports the open disclosure of information to assist community understanding of how we are delivering publicly funded healthcare. This includes the proactive publication of anonymised Official Information Act responses on our website from 10 working days after they have been released.

If you consider there are good reasons why this response should not be made publicly available, we will be happy to consider your views.

Nāku iti noa, nā



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