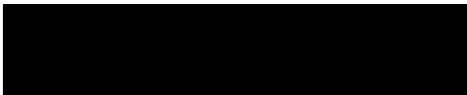




29 May 2020



Dear

Re: OIA request – Hospitalisation and mortality rates

Thank you for your Official Information Act request received 8 May seeking information from Waitematā District Health Board (DHB) about hospitalisation and mortality rates of Māori and non-Māori with a lived experience of disability.

Before responding to your specific questions, it may be useful to provide some context about our services.

Waitematā DHB serves a population of more than 630,000 across the North Shore, Waitakere and Rodney areas, the largest and one of the most rapidly growing DHBs in the country. We are the largest employer in the district, employing around 7,500 people across more than 80 locations.

In addition to providing services to our own population, we are also the metropolitan Auckland provider of forensic psychiatry, child disability services, child community dental services and community alcohol and drug services.

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

COVID-19 hospitalisation numbers by Māori, non-Māori, Māori with lived experience of disability (tāngata whaikaha) and non-Māori with lived experience of disability.

COVID-19 mortality numbers by Māori, non-Māori, Māori with lived experience of disability (tāngata whaikaha) and non-Māori with lived experience of disability. This request relates to the period 30 January 2020 (when COVID-19 became a public health emergency of international concern) and 30 April 2020.

Please note that we do not capture information on whether patients have a lived experience of disability when they are admitted to hospital. The data provided in the table below was extracted on 12 May 2020 and includes patients admitted since 25 February 2020:

Request	Māori	Non-Maori
COVID-19 hospitalisation numbers	1	9
COVID-19 mortality numbers	0	3

I trust that this information is helpful.

Waitematā DHB 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.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stuart Bloomfield', written in a cursive style.

Stuart Bloomfield
Chief Information Officer
Waitematā District Health Board