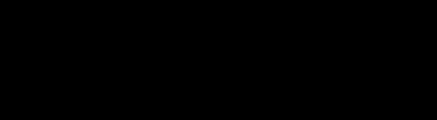




26 August 2020



Dear 

Re: OIA request - Statistics on domestic violence presentations

Thank you for your Official Information Act request, received by Waitematā District Health Board on 19 August 2020, seeking information regarding statistics on the number of domestic violence presentations during the COVID-19 response.

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 8,500 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 can provide the following information:

The number of presentations of both domestic violence trauma and domestic violence sexual trauma incidents separately between 1 February and 29 February 2020, 25 March and April 27 (Alert Level 4), April 28 and 13 May (Alert Level 3), 14 May and 8 June (Alert Level 2), 9 June and 11 August (Alert Level 1) and 12 August to 19 August (Alert Level 3 in Auckland so far).

Due to the way such presentations are coded, we are unable to differentiate between domestic violence trauma and domestic violence sexual trauma incidents in our data. Detailed in the table below is the total number of domestic violence presentations to our hospital for the dates specified:

Domestic violence presentations to Waitematā DHB hospitals:

Time Period	COVID-19 Alert Level	Number of presentations
1 to 29 February 2020	0	18
25 March to 27 April 2020	4	16
28 March to 13 May 2020	3	11
14 May to 8 June 2020	2	11
9 June to 11 August 2020	1	8
12 to 19 August 2020	3	0

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

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Mark Shepherd
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Waitematā District Health Board