



29 October 2019



Dear [Redacted]

Re: Official Information Act request – Stabbing injuries

Thank you for your Official Information Act request which was received on 7 October 2019, requesting information from Waitematā District Health Board (DHB) on:

- All presentations to the Emergency Department for stab wounds (ICD code X99, rather than accidental injury) for the financial years of 2014/15, 2015/16, 2016/17, 2017/18, 2018/19
- All admissions related to stab wound injuries (as above – stabbing presentations only, not accidental injuries) and lengths of stay during the 2014/15, 2015/16, 2016/17, 2017/18, 2018/19 financial years.

In response to your request we are able to provide the following information, based on the codes provided above:

Emergency Department presentations – stab wounds

Hospital	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19
North Shore Hospital	17	13	17	15	16
Waitakere Hospital	3	12	14	6	11
Total presentations	20	25	31	21	27

Emergency Department admissions and length of stay – stab wounds

Hospital		2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19
North Shore Hospital	Admissions	7	7	11	5	10
	Average length of stay (days)	1.43	3.71	4	1.6	2.8
Waitakere Hospital	Admissions	0	0	1	0	0
	Average length of stay (days)	0	0	2	0	0
Total	Admissions	7	7	12	5	10
	Average length of stay (days)	1.43	3.71	3.83	1.60	2.80

Please note the presentations are total presentations and the admissions are a subset of this group.

I trust that this information meets your requirements. Waitematā DHB, like other agencies across the state sector, supports the open disclosure of information to assist the public’s 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.

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

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Debbie Holdsworth', written in a cursive style.

Debbie Holdsworth
Acting Director Hospital Services
Waitematā District Health Board