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Dear 

Re: Official Information Act request – trespasses at Waitematā District Health Board

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act received 15 October 2019 seeking information from Waitematā District Health Board (DHB) regarding trespass notices issued over the past five years.

By way of context, Waitematā DHB serves a diverse and rapidly increasing population and has the largest resident population of any DHB in New Zealand, currently standing at more than 630,000 people. We have a combined workforce of more than 7,500 people spread across our catchment.

In response to the following questions:

1. Any information regarding the number of people who have been trespassed from Waitematā DHB hospitals in the past five years.

Year	Number of trespass notices
2014/2015	8
2015/2016	12
2016/2017	17
2017/2018	14
2018/2019	1

2. Please break this down by year, hospital, what they were trespassed for (i.e. aggressive behaviour), how long they were trespassed for and if there have been any breaches.

North Shore Hospital	2014/2015	2015/2016	2016/2017	2017/2018	2018/2019
Aggressive/inappropriate behaviour to staff	1	4	3	4	
Drugs and/or alcohol on site			1		
Assault on staff				3	
Threat of violence		2	2	3	
Refusal to leave site		1		1	
Theft			1		
Possession of weapon					
Access breach					
Damage to Waitematā DHB property		1			

Waitakere Hospital	2014/2015	2015/2016	2016/2017	2017/2018	2018/2019
Aggressive/inappropriate behaviour to staff	5	4	4	3	
Drugs and/or alcohol on site			1		
Assault on staff			1		1
Threat of violence			2		
Refusal to leave site			1		
Theft					
Possession of weapon	1				
Access breach	1				
Damage to Waitematā DHB property			1		

A trespass notice is for a period of two years and there have been no breaches.

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.

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



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