

10 August 2020

Dear [REDACTED]

Re: OIA request – CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) statistics in hospital

Thank you for your Official Information Act request, which was partially transferred to Waitematā District Health Board (DHB) by the Ministry of Health on 27 July 2020 seeking information about CPR statistics in hospital.

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:

I would appreciate any information available on CPR statistics in hospital - the number of times this has been performed in the Auckland region in the last two years and the demographics of the people it was performed on (age, ethnicity).

The data provided below is for Waitematā DHB hospitals only. Information from Auckland DHB and Counties Manukau Health would need to be added to derive the total figure for the Auckland region. We have provided information based on the number of “777” emergency calls for cardio-pulmonary arrest collected from both North Shore and Waitakere hospitals from July 2018 to June 2020. Over this time period, calls made per 1000 admissions show that there have been 5.6 cardiac arrests per month, on average. A “777” call accesses the emergency response resuscitation team.

Total calls for cardio-respiratory arrest	777 Calls - July 2018 to June 2020
Cardio-respiratory arrests	136
Patient ethnicity for all 777 calls	
European	88
Asian	14
Māori	24
Pacific Peoples	10
Gender	
Male	81
Female	55

Patient age in years for all 777 calls	
16-26	4
27-37	4
38-48	5
49-59	21
60-70	26
71-81	47
82-92	17
93-103	4
Unknown	8

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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