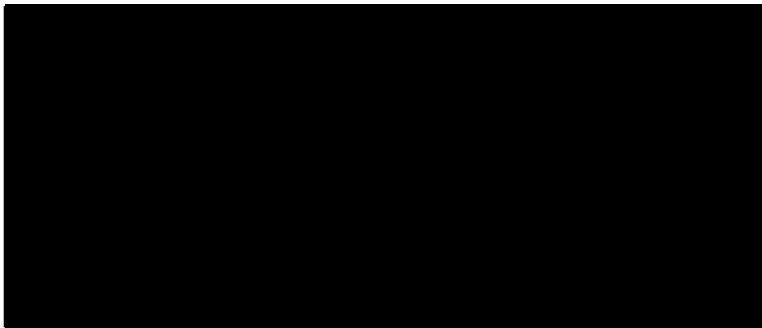


20 May 2020



Re Official Information Request – Hospitalisation of Maori during COVID-19

I refer to your official information request dated 6 May 2020 to the Ministry of Health and a partial transfer of your request (questions 3 and 4) from the MoH to Auckland DHB on 8 May 2020 requesting the following information:

All advice from the Ministry on the use of personal protective equipment (PPE) for the disability sector pertaining to home and community support workers providing care for Māori with lived experience of disability and/or all people with lived experience of disability.

- 1. All advice to and from DHBs on supply and distribution of PPE pertaining to home and community support workers providing care for Māori with lived experience of disability and/or all people with lived experience of disability (to be answered by the MoH)**
- 2. Correspondence and advice the Ministry has received pertaining to PPE availability for home and community support workers providing care for Māori with lived experience of disability and/or all people with lived experience of disability (to be answered by the MoH)**

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

We have provided two tables with information relating to patients with confirmed or probable COVID-19. Table 1 includes patients that were cared for, for all or part of their stay, on an inpatient ward. Table 2 includes patients that were only cared for in our emergency department or clinical decisions unit (were not admitted to an inpatient ward). In total there were 18 patients with 23 admissions or attendances during the date range requested.

Ethnicity	Positive	Probable
Chinese	1	0
Indian	1	0
Maori	1	2
New Zealand European	1	4
Other Asian	1	0
Other European	1	0
Samoan	2	0

Total of 10 patients with 14 admissions to inpatient areas. **Table 1.**

Ethnicity	Positive	Probable
Indian	4	1
New Zealand European	2	1
Other European	0	1

Total of eight patients with nine attendances to the emergency department or clinical decisions unit. **Table 2.**

The definition of disability under section 21 of the Human Rights Act includes physical disability or impairment, physical illness, psychiatric illness, intellectual or psychological disability or impairment, any other loss or abnormality of psychological, physiological, or anatomical structure or functions, reliance on a guide dog, wheelchair or other remedial means, or the presence in the body of organisms capable of causing illness. Therefore most, if not all of our patients, would meet this broad definition. To answer your question meaningfully we would need this definition to be narrowed. Note however, that we do not routinely collect data regarding people admitted with disability/lived experience of disability and therefore we would need to undertake a manual review of the clinical records of all

people admitted due to COVID-19 since January which may require substantial collation and research.

4. Covid-19 mortality numbers by Māori, non-Māori, Māori with lived experience of disability (tāngata whaikaha) and non-Māori with lived experience of disability.

No deaths of patients hospitalised at Auckland DHB hospitals have occurred due to COVID-19.

This request relates to the period 30 January 2020 (when Covid-19 became a public health emergency of international concern) and 30 April 2020.

You are entitled to seek a review of the response by the Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that this response, or an edited version of this response, may be published on the Auckland DHB website.

Yours faithfully



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Chief Executive

