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Re: Official Information Act request – Number of marae accessible to Māori inpatients in psychiatric inpatient units

I refer to your Official Information Act request dated 27 February 2021 to the Ministry of Health. The Ministry of Health transferred the following request to Auckland DHB on 9 March 2021. You requested the following information:

Mental Health Act 1992 - Māori cultural identity

1. Please confirm how many of the DHBs have a Marae accessible to Māori in-patients in DHB psychiatric units.

Auckland DHB Mental Health Services has four inpatient units, and one community residential service.

Te Whetu Tawera is a 58 bedded acute mental health unit for adults. It has its own marae, Te Rama Ora, which is accessible to all adult acute service users.

The Fraser McDonald Unit (FMU) is a 15 bedded inpatient mental health service for older people. They do not currently have - access to a marae, but discussions are in place to facilitate the use of the Te Whetu Tawera ,marae for kaumaatua Māori residing in FMU, as the units are within easy walking distance.

The Buchanan Rehabilitation Centre (BRC) is a 40 bedded recovery focussed rehabilitation unit. There is no attached marae, however, Māori service users and all BRC staff have access to the marae at Manawanui Māori Mental Health services, which is on the same site.

The Child and Family Unit (18 beds) and associated Mother and Baby Unit (3 beds) is an inpatient unit for services users between the ages of 13-18 years, and mothers with their babies respectively. There is no marae attached to the unit. The unit has a small purpose built whānau room with tea and coffee making facilities.

The regional eating disorder service, Tupu Ora, includes a 9 bed community based residential service. There is no attached marae, and service users do not have access to marae facilities.

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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