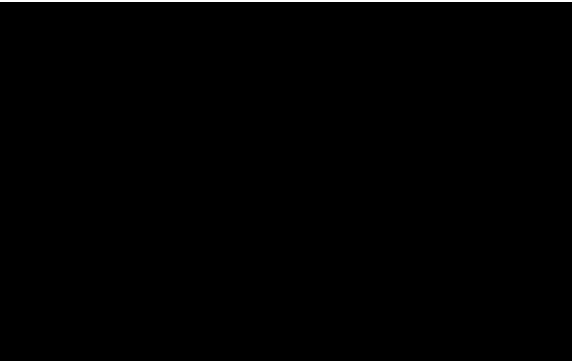


12 September 2019



Re: Official Information Act request – Patients treated for gunshot wounds

I refer to your Official Information Act request dated 3 September 2019 requesting the following information

I'd like to request some figures from the DHB around gunshot wounds.

Please let me know if this request needs to be treated as an OIA.

- 1) Please provide me figures on how many patients have been treated for gunshot wounds at both Auckland Hospital and Starship Hospital.**

Total patients treated: (Since 2016-2019YTD): 61

- 2) Please provide a breakdown for each hospital for 2016, 2017, 2018 and the year to date.**

Year	Patient count
2016	14
2017	15
2018	15
2019 YTD	17
Total	61

- 3) Please provide further breakdown of injuries in terms of severity (fatal/critical/serious/moderate etc.), which body parts were wounded, what type of firearms were used (if known).

The injured body parts include eye, thigh, genitals (testicles), chest, abdomen, forearm, upper arm, ear, face. We are unable to provide you with a breakdown of the type of firearms used as we do not capture this information.

- 4) Please provide figures on the estimated cost of treating patients with gunshot wounds for the above time periods.

Average cost per patient is \$24,000 NZD.

Year	Cost
2016	\$ 85,290.00
2017	\$ 233,908.00
2018	\$ 443,196.00
2019 YTD	\$ 512,528.00
Total	\$1,274,922.00

- 5) Please provide any relevant comment.
6) Finally, please provide the same figures and breakdowns for patients with stabbing injuries.

Total patient events: (2016-2019 YTD): 1,304 (in some cases the same patient was seen multiple times during this period for stabbing/self-harm injuries each event was counted)

Year	Patient event count - stabbing
2016	385
2017	341
2018	348
2019 YTD	230
Total	1,304

Average cost per patient is \$7,800 NZD.

As the costing data is available only till March 2019, the cost of stabbing is not taken into consideration as it will skew the findings.

Year	Stabbing cost
2016	\$ 3,289,857.00
2017	\$ 2,419,523.00
2018	\$ 2,595,175.00
Total	\$ 8,304,555.00

The stabbing injuries can be divided into three types.

i) Stabbings as an assault:

The victim was stabbed using razor blade, knife, and glass and other unspecified objects. The cohort of the people who inflicted injury involves family members, friends, and domestic partners.

ii) Intentional self-harm:

Using objects such as a razor blade, glass and knives.


iii) Undetermined intent

I trust this information answers your questions.

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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