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Re Official Information Request - Fatalities linked to influenza

I refer to your official information request dated 6 June 2019 requesting the following information:

Could Auckland District Health Board please confirm:

1. How many fatalities have occurred so far this year due to influenza, and the gender and age of each fatality. Please include comorbidity deaths.

Auckland City Hospital has had 15 deaths since 1 January this year due to influenza and related comorbidities.

2. How many patients with influenza have been treated in intensive care so far this year.

We have had 6 admissions to adult intensive care (Department of Critical Care and CVICU) with influenza since 1 January this year.

Please note that we have not included the age or gender of those who have died and withhold this information under s9(2)(a) - to protect the privacy of natural persons, as provision of this detail could lead to identification of the patient. 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

Ailsa Claire, OBE **Chief Executive**

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