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Re Official Information Request for injury and death related to heatstroke

I refer to your Official Information Act request 26 January 2019 for the following information:

Recorded cases of organ failure; brain damage; and death related to heat-stroke and/or sun-stroke by the DHB in the calendar years (January 1 to December 31) in 2014, 15, 16, 17 and 2018, broken down by year and type of injury.

Two patients with mild organ failure presented to Auckland DHB between 2016 and 2018 as a result of 'exertional heatstroke' within the period referred to in your request.

There was no brain damage or death from these causes.

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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