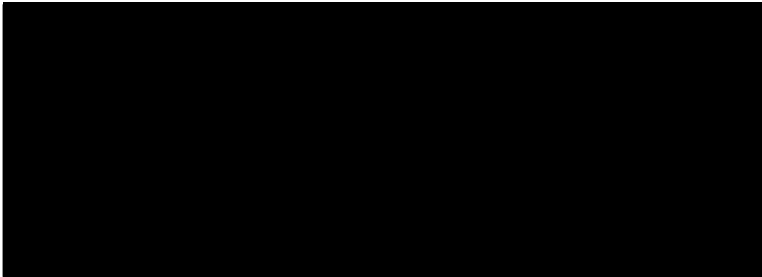


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Re Official Information Request for information on treatment of video gaming addiction

I refer to your Official Information Act request of 26 October 2018 for the following information:

- 1. Data on how many people have sought help for video gaming addiction / gaming disorder (as defined by the World Health Organisation) during the last five years broken down by year, patients age, how many were accepted for treatment and how many declined/referred to other providers, and average wait time for treatment of those who were accepted.*
- 2. Information about best practice/guidelines for treatment of video gaming addiction / gaming disorder (as defined by the World Health Organisation)*

The Community Alcohol and Drug Service (CADS) operated by Waitemata DHB provides services for patients from across metro Auckland including the Auckland DHB region. The services provided by CADS are confined to alcohol and drug addiction. As such, we do not hold any data on the topic of video gaming addiction.

You are entitled under the Official Information Act section 28 (3) to seek a review of this response. 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