



West Coast District Health Board

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RE Official information request WCDHB 9459

I refer to your email dated 3 August 2020 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act from West Coast DHB. Specifically:

1. Number of mental health inpatient facility beds at DHB, by name of facility.

West Coast DHB has 9 acute mental health beds usually in service at our Manaakitanga Unit at Te Nikau Grey Hospital in Greymouth. Bed numbers in this Unit can be flexed up to 11 if the need arises by using the two beds in low-stimulus/seclusion area.

2. Number of people admitted as mental health inpatients who identify as transgender or gender diverse in the last 12 months.

We are declining a response to this question pursuant to section 18(f) of the Official Information Act.

Transgender and gender diverse are not coded for this period and this information is only available by reference to individual patient notes. From 01 July 2020 the Ministry of Health has provided a new code for "Gender Diverse", however our current system cannot be upgraded to capture this until software fixes have been applied to allow connection to the NHI system.

3. Total number of people admitted as mental health inpatients in the last 12 months.

Please refer to **Table one** (below) for the total number of people admitted as mental health inpatients in the last 12 months.

Table one: Admissions from 1st August 2019 – 31 July 2020

Total admissions	114
Total unique patients	96

Please note: Patients may be admitted one or more times during the course of the year, so the totals are expressed as total admissions and the total number of unique individuals admitted during the period.

I trust that this satisfies your interest in this matter.

Please note that this response, or an edited version of this response, may be published on the West Coast DHB website after your receipt of this response.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'R LaSalle'.

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