



West Coast District Health Board

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RE Official information request WCDHB 9467

I refer to your email dated 23 August 2020 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act from West Coast DHB. Specifically:

In relation to West Coast DHB, please supply the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 for each of the years 2009 – 2020 being quarters one and two.

- 1. Smoking status (inpatient) Total number of smokers x ethnicity in the DHB Mental Health and Addictions ward/s (including forensics)**
- 2. Admissions (inpatient) Total number of admissions x ethnicity to the DHB Mental Health and Addictions ward/s (including forensics)**

The data presented in **Table one** (below) is reflective of discharges during each period rather than admissions. This is in line with the way that smoking status is most accurately captured, via the Clinical Coding process that occurs following discharge.

Table 1: Numbers of smokers and total discharges for Mental Health & Addictions wards

Mental Health	Number of smokers discharged			Number of discharges		
	Māori	Pacific	Other	Māori	Pacific	Other
2009	3	0	25	11	0	103
2010	3	0	44	4	0	118
2011	4	0	49	22	0	168
2012	3	0	71	14	0	164
2013	5	0	53	17	0	128
2014	6	0	56	14	0	147
2015	11	0	52	23	1	142
2016	15	0	62	22	1	163
2017	19	1	60	31	1	169
2018	13	0	53	25	1	140
2019	11	0	49	26	2	147
2020 (Jan-Jun)	11	0	13	19	0	57

3. Smoking status (inpatient) Total number of inpatient smokers x ethnicity in the DHB General Hospital/s wards including elderly

4. Admissions (inpatient) Total number of admissions x ethnicity to the DHB General Hospital/s wards including elderly

As above, the data presented in **Table two** (below) is reflective of discharges during each period rather than admissions. This is in line with the way that smoking status is most accurately captured, via the Clinical Coding process that occurs following discharge.

This data includes patients discharged from our emergency department (ED) if they were in the ED for more than 3 hours; stays shorter than 3 hours do not go through the Clinical Coding process.

Table 2: Numbers of smokers and total discharges for General wards

General	Number of smokers discharged			Number of discharges		
	Māori	Pacific	Other	Māori	Pacific	Other
2009	85	5	852	277	15	4,602
2010	105	3	754	317	31	4,760
2011	104	9	884	323	33	5,097
2012	103	5	819	327	33	5,065
2013	115	6	851	361	25	4,946
2014	149	3	929	401	21	5,469
2015	161	8	898	426	28	5,392
2016	140	6	816	410	26	5,292
2017	143	9	863	419	33	5,611
2018	151	14	981	476	39	6,166
2019	175	15	981	557	62	6,211
2020 (Jan-Jun)	72	18	449	212	38	2,895

I trust 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



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Revised WCDHB 9467

Table one: Numbers of smokers and total discharges for Mental Health & Addictions wards

Mental Health	Number of smokers discharged				Number of discharges			
	Māori	Pacific	Other	Total	Māori	Pacific	Other	Total
2009	3	0	25	28	11	0	103	114
2010	3	0	44	47	4	0	118	122
2011	4	0	49	53	22	0	168	190
2012	3	0	71	74	14	0	164	178
2013	5	0	53	58	17	0	128	145
2014	6	0	56	62	14	0	147	161
2015	11	0	52	63	23	1	142	166
2016	15	0	62	77	22	1	163	186
2017	19	1	60	80	31	1	169	201
2018	13	0	53	66	25	1	140	166
2019	11	0	49	60	26	2	147	175
2020 (Jan-Jun)	11	0	13	24	19	0	57	76

Revised Table two: Numbers of smokers and total discharges for General Wards

calendar year	Number of smokers discharged				Number of discharges			
	Māori	Pacific	Other	Total	Māori	Pacific	Other	Total
2009	85	5	852	942	277	15	4,602	4894
2010	105	3	754	862	317	31	4,760	5108
2011	104	9	884	997	323	33	5,097	5453
2012	103	5	819	927	327	33	5,065	5425
2013	115	6	851	972	361	25	4,946	5332
2014	149	3	929	1081	401	21	5,469	5891
2015	161	8	898	1067	426	28	5,392	5846
2016	140	6	816	962	410	26	5,292	5728
2017	143	9	863	1015	419	33	5,611	6063
2018	151	14	981	1146	476	39	6,166	6681
2019	175	15	981	1171	557	62	6,211	6830
2020 (Jan-Jun)	72	18	449	539	212	38	2,895	3145

From: 9(2)(a)

Sent: Saturday, 28 November 2020 7:38 AM

To: Kathleen Smitheram <Kathleen.Smitheram@cdhb.health.nz>

Subject: Re: RE Official Information Act request WCDHB 9467 Response 4-9-2020.doc

Kia ora Kathleen

Please refer my email to Ralph.

Kia ora Ralph

Further to your letter dated 4 September 2020 and regarding OI request WCDHB 9467

I am aware that the Ombudsman has been concerned that DHBs respond to OI request in a speedy manner. From a requester's perspective, that will always be appreciated.

I am currently working with the data that I received from West Coast DHB. I am concerned that the tables do not include the totals for each year. I want to make sure I am using data that West Coast DHB has sent me rather than that which I have to calculate the totals.

Please send me a copy of the data with the totals for each year. I have noticed that it is generally standard practice for DHB's to include totals in OI data and I am puzzled about this oversight. The Canterbury DHB data included the totals per year for each table requested.

Thank you for your assistance

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