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RE Official information request WCDHB 9537

I refer to your email dated 30 March 2021 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act from West Coast DHB. Specifically:

Can I please have the number of children (aged 0-14) recorded by your DHB with the following conditions in the years 2014, 2017 and 2020?

- **whooping cough**
- **rheumatic fever**

Please refer to **Table One** below, which show the number of children (aged 0-14) who were reported with the notifiable diseases Pertussis (Whooping Cough) and with Rheumatic Fever for the calendar years 2014, 2017 and 2020 within West Coast DHB.

The number of Pertussis cases includes those confirmed and classed as probable and suspect. The number of Rheumatic Fever cases includes those confirmed and classed as probable.

Table One: Number of Children reported with Pertussis and Rheumatic Fever in West Coast.

Number of Children reported with Notifiable Disease			
Notifiable Disease	2014	2017	2020
Pertussis (Whooping Cough)	2	1	0
Rheumatic Fever (initial attack)	1	0	0

- **bronchiolitis**
- **broncho pneumonia**
- **serious dental disease**
- **malnutrition**

Please refer to **Table Two** below, for the number of West Coast DHB hospitalisations for children aged 0 to 14 years old in the calendar years 2014, 2017 and 2020, where the primary cause of admission to our hospital facilities were bronchiolitis, broncho pneumonia, dental surgery and malnutrition. In regard to dental disease, we have listed the number of children who required to have dental surgery performed under general anaesthetic as the criteria for inclusion, as hospitalisations are generally indicative of a serious dental condition. We note that some elective dental surgery that might otherwise have been undertaken during 2020 was curtailed by restrictions of the respective Covid-19 pandemic response alert levels.

Table Two: Number of children in West Coast DHB recorded with various medical conditions.

Number of Children reported with Various Medical Conditions			
Medical Condition	2014	2017	2020
Bronchiolitis	23	21	8
Broncho Pneumonia	2	0	0
Admitted for Dental Surgery	71	65	52
Malnutrition	0	0	0

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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