



# *West Coast District Health Board*

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### **RE Official Information Act request WCDHB 9544**

I refer to your email dated 19 April 2021 this morning requesting the following information under the Official Information Act from West Coast DHB. Specifically:

- 1. How many children aged 0-14 have presented to hospital with a dog-related injury in the last year?**
- 2. How many of those children required a procedure (e.g. sutures), or admission?**
- 3. What was the ethnicity and age demographics of those children?**

There were seven children in the age group 0 – 14 years age group who presented at our Emergency Department services and were treated for dog-related injuries in the calendar year 1 January – 31 December 2020. None required admission to hospital.

By age and ethnicity demographic, the seven children concerned identified as follows:

- 2 children in the 0-5 year old age cohort (1 Maori and 1 NZ European);
- 3 children in the age 6-10 year old age cohort (1 Asian and 2 NZ European);
- 2 children in the 11-14 year old age cohort (both NZ European)

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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