



West Coast District Health Board

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RE Official information request WCDHB 9656

We refer to your request dated 19 January 2022 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act from West Coast DHB. Specifically:

Please provide a breakdown of emergency admission numbers in 2020 and 2021, broken down by month. Please include a categorisation of the types of admissions also.

Response

Please find the data requested for Emergency Department presentations at Te Nikau Grey Hospital for the two calendar years 2020 and 2021 (1 January 2020 to 31 December 2021), broken down by month and by coded diagnosis categorisation, attached as **Appendix 1**.

We are withholding data where the numbers of patients presenting were fewer than 5 (<5) pursuant to section 9(2)(a) of the Official Information Act i.e. "...to protect the privacy of natural persons, including those deceased.

Also pursuant to section 9(2)(a), we have removed numbers of patients that we consider to be a presentation with a sensitive subject. We have an obligation of confidentiality for our patients and we believe including the information could lead to their identification given the small population on the West Coast.

I trust that this satisfies your interest in this matter.

You may, under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act, seek a review of our decision to withhold information by the Ombudsman. 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 West Coast DHB website after your receipt of this response.

Yours sincerely

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