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Via email: [Melanie.Earley@fairfaxmedia.co.nz](mailto:Melanie.Earley@fairfaxmedia.co.nz)

Dear Melanie

**Official Information Act Request – Number of in-patient deaths in the Mental Health Unit in the last year**

On 21 May 2019 under Section 12 of the Official Information Act, you requested the following from Whanganui District Health Board (WDHB):

I would like to know how many patients in your in-patient mental health units have died in the past year while being there. If you could please break these down into gender and age as well that'd be great.

Also, I know this may not be possible due to privacy, but if you could can I please have cause of death (e.g self-inflicted or not) and dates they happened.

***Whanganui District Health Board's response:***

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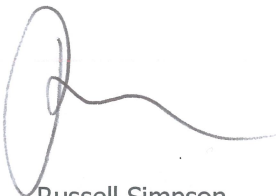
Nil.

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Not applicable.

Should you have any further queries, please contact, contact our acting OIA co-ordinator Maree Langford at [Maree.Langford@wdhb.co.nz](mailto:Maree.Langford@wdhb.co.nz)

Yours sincerely



Russell Simpson  
**Chief Executive**