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Tēnā koe Lydia

Official Information Act Request – OIA 13448 Dog Bites

On 20 April 2021, under section 12 of the Official Information Act, you requested the following information from Whanganui District Health Board (WDHB):

"My name is Lydia Dunford and you can contact me on andly557@student.otago.ac.nz or [02040346370](tel:02040346370). I am wanting to make an Official Information request about dog bites within Whanganui DHB.

My questions are:

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 were the ethnic and age demographics of the those children?"

Whanganui District Health Boards response:

1. How many children aged 0-14 have presented to hospital with a dog-related injury in the last year?

In the past year there have been four presentations to the Emergency Department.

2. How many of those children required a procedure (e.g sutures), or admission?

Two children were transferred to Hutt DHB for treatment by Hutt DHB's plastics department.

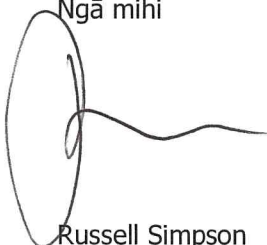
3. What were the ethnic and age demographics of the those children?"

Of the four children, two were identified as 3 year old and Māori, one was five years old and Māori and one was three years old and NZ European.

The two children who were hospitalised were identified as Māori and 3 and 5 years old.

Should you have any further queries about the above information, please contact our OIA co-ordinator Anne Phoenix at anne.phoenix@wdhb.org.nz

Ngā mihi



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