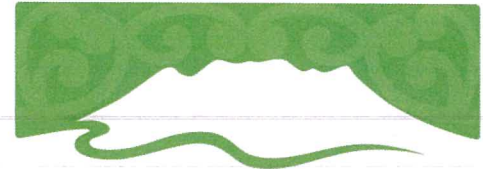


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**WHANGANUI**  
DISTRICT HEALTH BOARD  
*Te Pōari Hauora o Whanganui*

Wes Gaarkeuken

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Dear Wes

**Official Information Act Request – OIA 13269 Treatment of Firearm Injuries**

On 7 December 2020, under section 12 of the Official Information Act, you requested the following information from Whanganui District Health Board (WDHB):

Have many people has the Whanganui District Health Board treated for firearm injuries since January 2016?

- In the figures please break down how many children received treatment
- How many treatments were as a result of gang violence?
- And what types of firearms caused each injury?

**Whanganui District Health Boards response:**

Have many people has the Whanganui District Health Board treated for firearm injuries since January 2016?

- **In the figures please break down how many children received treatment**  
See table below.
- **How many treatments were as a result of gang violence?**  
See table below. Please note that it is possible that other events may have been gang related; we do not have reliable data to answer this question.
- **And what types of firearms caused each injury?**  
See table below.

Year	Total Firearm Injuries	Gang Related	Involving children	Type of Firearm		
				Air Rifle	.22 Rifle	Unknown
2016	0	0	0	0	0	0
2017	1	0	0	0	0	1
2018	0	0	0	0	0	0
2019	1	0	0	0	0	1
2020	4	1	0	2	1	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>

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

Yours sincerely

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