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Dear Susan

Official Information Act Request – OIA 13034 re Mental Health Inpatients

On 4 August 2020, under section 12 of the Official Information Act, you requested the following information from Whanganui District Health Board (WDHB):

- Number of mental health inpatient facility beds at DHB, by name of facility.
- Number of people admitted as mental health inpatients who identify as transgender or gender diverse in the last 12 months.
- Total number of people admitted as mental health inpatients in the last 12 months.

The information sought in this request is to be used as part of a report by RNZ into gender diverse people's mental health. As the information will be used to ensure a greater understanding of the issue, I ask that any fee is waived.

It is understood elements of the requested information might not be considered public information. If this is the case, I would ask each element is considered separately, described as best it can be and reasons for any information being declined being set against the information sought.

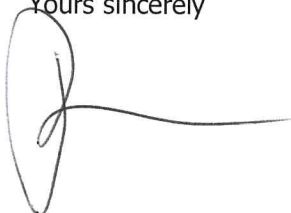
Whanganui District Health Boards response:

- **Number of mental health inpatient facility beds at DHB, by name of facility.**
Whanganui DHB Mental Health Services has one adult acute inpatient mental health unit with 12 beds. The unit admits people from the age 18 with no upper age limit.
Whanganui DHB Mental Health Services also has a 15 bed Regional Forensic Extended Term Secure Unit operating in conjunction with Capital Coast DHB. This unit admits only male patients therefore we have excluded this cohort.
- **Number of people admitted as mental health inpatients who identify as transgender or gender diverse in the last 12 months.**
None of the 199 people admitted as inpatients had recorded transgender or gender diversity in the patient management system.
- **Total number of people admitted as mental health inpatients in the last 12 months.**
In the 12 months from April 1 2019- March 31 2020 there were 194 people admitted as adult acute inpatients for at least one overnight stay.
I have included distinct number of people admitted only, each person is counted once regardless of multiple admissions.

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

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized loop on the left and a long, horizontal line extending to the right.

Russell Simpson
Chief Executive