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Tēnā koe Matt

### **Official Information Act Request – OIA 14288 Alcohol related Harm**

On 29 April 2022, under section 12 of the Official Information Act, you requested the following information from Whanganui District Health Board (WDHB):

"I am requesting the following information under the Official Information Act from all DHBs within New Zealand about alcohol harm. Is it possible for this to be forward to all relevant parties if the information is not centralised.

This follows on from an OIA made in 2020 but updated statistics will be invaluable to research efforts.

1. Please provide a yearly breakdown of how many people were treated from 2012-2022 (to date) for alcohol related harm
2. Please provide a yearly breakdown of age groups of those treated in your DHB between 2012-2022 for alcohol related harm.
3. Please provide a yearly breakdown of the ethnicity of those treated in your DHB from 2012-2022 for alcohol related harm.
4. Please provide a yearly breakdown of age groups of those admitted to your DHB from 2012-2022 for alcohol related harm.
5. Please provide a yearly breakdown of ethnicity of those admitted to your DHB from 2012-2022 for alcohol related harm.
6. Please provide a yearly breakdown of age groups of those admitted to your DHB from 2012-2022 for alcohol related harm.
7. Please provide a yearly breakdown of the cost for each person treated / admitted in your DHB for alcohol related causes.
8. Please provide a breakdown of how many patients were admitted to Emergency Departments where alcohol was determined to be a factor in their admission from 2012-2022"

### **Whanganui District Health Boards response:**

**Thank you for your time this morning regarding the attached alcohol related harm OIA.**

**As per our discussion, we have limited the years covered by this response to those covering the period February 2018 to the present (notes 2018 and 2022 will be partial years)**

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**Prior to Feb 2018 we utilised a different data system. As discussed, you can find the data relating to those years in the original OIA which you referred to.**

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1. Please provide a yearly breakdown of how many people were **treated** from 2012-2022 (to date) for alcohol related harm

| Year |      |
|------|------|
| 2018 | 630  |
| 2019 | 910  |
| 2020 | 1002 |
| 2021 | 969  |
| 2022 | 314  |

2. Please provide a yearly breakdown of age groups of those treated in your DHB between 2012-2022 for alcohol related harm.

| Year | 00-04 | 05-14 | 15-24 | 25-44 | 45-64 | 65-74 | 75+ | Grand Total |
|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----|-------------|
| 2018 | 3     | 5     | 147   | 190   | 210   | 36    | 39  | 630         |
| 2019 | 2     | 16    | 220   | 290   | 274   | 84    | 24  | 910         |
| 2020 | 1     | 6     | 232   | 337   | 271   | 97    | 58  | 1002        |
| 2021 |       | 8     | 192   | 325   | 305   | 86    | 53  | 969         |
| 2022 | 2     | 2     | 81    | 92    | 103   | 19    | 15  | 314         |

3. Please provide a yearly breakdown of the ethnicity of those treated in your DHB from 2012-2022 for alcohol related harm.

| Year | Maori | Other | Pacifika | Grand Total |
|------|-------|-------|----------|-------------|
| 2018 | 205   | 413   | 12       | 630         |
| 2019 | 298   | 592   | 20       | 910         |
| 2020 | 310   | 670   | 22       | 1002        |
| 2021 | 301   | 651   | 17       | 969         |
| 2022 | 97    | 211   | 6        | 314         |

4. Please provide a yearly breakdown of age groups of those **admitted** to your DHB from 2012-2022 for alcohol related harm.

| Year | Total |
|------|-------|
| 2018 | 154   |
| 2019 | 170   |
| 2020 | 227   |
| 2021 | 199   |
| 2022 | 63    |

5. Please provide a yearly breakdown of ethnicity of those admitted to your DHB from 2012-2022 for alcohol related harm.

| Year | Maori | Other | Pacifika | Grand Total |
|------|-------|-------|----------|-------------|
| 2018 | 39    | 113   | 2        | 154         |
| 2019 | 45    | 121   | 4        | 170         |
| 2020 | 59    | 167   | 1        | 227         |
| 2021 | 48    | 149   | 2        | 199         |
| 2022 | 17    | 44    | 2        | 63          |

6. Please provide a yearly breakdown of age groups of those admitted to your DHB from 2012-2022 for alcohol related harm.

| Year | 05-14 | 15-24 | 25-44 | 45-64 | 65-74 | 75+ | Grand Total |
|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----|-------------|
| 2018 | 1     | 25    | 41    | 60    | 11    | 16  | 154         |
| 2019 | 1     | 31    | 51    | 64    | 17    | 6   | 170         |
| 2020 | 1     | 37    | 74    | 77    | 28    | 10  | 227         |
| 2021 |       | 25    | 69    | 79    | 15    | 11  | 199         |
| 2022 |       | 13    | 13    | 29    | 5     | 3   | 63          |

7. Please provide a yearly breakdown of the cost for each person treated / admitted in your DHB for alcohol related causes.

| Year | Avg Cost |
|------|----------|
| 2018 | \$ 2,893 |
| 2019 | \$ 3,029 |
| 2020 | \$ 4,492 |
| 2021 | \$ 3,847 |
| 2022 | \$ 4,260 |

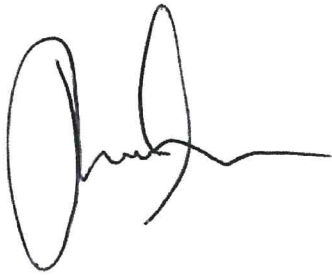
8. Please provide a breakdown of how many patients were admitted to Emergency Departments where alcohol was determined to be a factor in their admission from 2012-2022"

| Year | Total |
|------|-------|
| 2018 | 41    |
| 2019 | 86    |
| 2020 | 79    |
| 2021 | 75    |
| 2022 | 26    |

Under section 28(3) of the Act you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review any decisions made under this request. The Ombudsman may be contacted by email at: [info@ombudsman.parliament.nz](mailto:info@ombudsman.parliament.nz) or by calling 0800 802 602.

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)

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**Russell Simpson**  
Kaihautū Hauora – Chief Executive  
Whanganui District Health Board