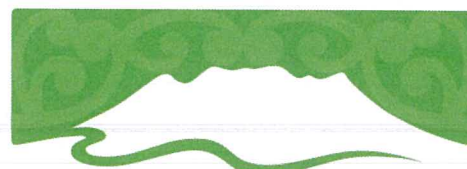


19 March 2021

Josephine Franks

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WHANGANUI
DISTRICT HEALTH BOARD
Te Poari Hauora o Whanganui

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Dear Josephine

Official Information Act Request – OIA 13364 Hospital Admissions With Malnutrition

On 18 February 2021, under section 12 of the Official Information Act, you requested the following information from Whanganui District Health Board (WDHB):

“ The number of children and adults admitted to hospital with malnutrition, broken down by age, between January 1, 2015 and December 31, 2020.”

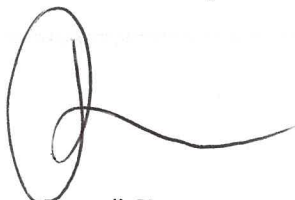
Whanganui District Health Boards response:

The number of children and adults admitted to hospital with malnutrition, broken down by age, between January 1, 2015 and December 31, 2020.

Whanganui DHB Malnutrition Admissions (as primary or secondary diagnosis)								
Note: Change in patient management system in early 2018 may be driver behind change in data quality, therefore care should be taken in comparing volumes in periods 2015-2017 and 2018-2020.								
Note 2: Malnutrition as a primary reason for admission is rarely recorded, as it is usually secondary to another diagnosis, such as gastric cancer. Total volumes below are for any mention of malnutrition.								
Year	00-04 yrs	05-14 yrs	15-24 yrs	25-44 yrs	45-64 yrs	65-84 yrs	85+ yrs	Total
2015		1				5		6
2016					2	11	2	15
2017		2				4	1	7
2018	1	1		2	5	16	2	27
2019		1	1	7	6	13	7	35
2020		2		3	10	21	10	46
Whanganui DHB Malnutrition Admissions (as primary diagnosis only)								
Note: Change in patient management system in early 2018 may be driver behind change in data quality, therefore care should be taken in comparing volumes in periods 2015-2017 and 2018-2020.								
Note 2: These volumes show inpatient events with a primary diagnosis (reason for admission) of malnutrition.								
Year	00-04 yrs	05-14 yrs	15-24 yrs	25-44 yrs	45-64 yrs	65-84 yrs	85+ yrs	Total
2015						2		2
2016						2		2
2017						1		1
2018			1			1		2
2019					1			1
2020						1		1

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, loopy initial 'R' followed by a long, sweeping horizontal stroke that ends in a small upward flick.

Russell Simpson
Chief Executive