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Dear Neesha

Official Information Act Request – OIA 13293 Statistics for Southern Ruapehu District

On 14 December 2020, under section 12 of the Official Information Act, you requested the following information from Whanganui District Health Board (WDHB):

I am overseeing the Liveability study for Ruapehu District Council.

As part of this study I need statistics for the Southern Ruapehu locality (South of National Park and within the Territorial authority of Ruapehu District Council) overseen by WDHB.

I have attached a copy of the statistics I have received from Waikato DHB and I am officially requesting under the OIA the equivalent for Whanganui DHB as it pertains to our TA.

The most pressing statistics required are:

- Percentage of the Whanganui DHB population that live in the Southern Ruapehu region of Whanganui DHB
- The population number of people you look after in Ruapehu.
- Age break down
- Demographic breakdowns
- Mortality rate in Southern Ruapehu in comparison
- ED presentations per capita for Southern Ruapehu
- Hospitalization rates per capita
- Top three reasons for admission, outpatient appointments and outpatient DNA
- Immunization rates by 8 months old
- Mental health admissions per 1000 people and what this rate is compared to rest of WDHB

Whanganui District Health Boards response:

- **Percentage of the Whanganui DHB population that live in the Southern Ruapehu region of Whanganui DHB**
6.6%
- **The population number of people you look after in Ruapehu**
4260

- **Age break down**

Median age	Tangiwai	Ohakune	Raetihi	Waiouru
Median age 1 Male	42.4	37.1	32.7	27.2
Median age 2 Female	38.6	34.4	33.8	28.5

Age in 5 year groupings	South Ruapehu
0 to 4 years	8%
5 to 9 years	9%
10 to 14 years	7%
15 to 19 years	5%
20 to 24 years	6%
25 to 29 years	8%
30 to 34 years	7%
35 to 39 years	6%
40 to 44 years	6%
45 to 49 years	6%
50 to 54 years	7%
55 to 59 years	7%
60 to 64 years	7%
65 to 69 years	4%
70 to 74 years	3%
75 to 79 years	2%
80 to 84 years	1%
85 years and over	1%
Grand Total	100%

- **Demographic breakdowns**

European	56%
Maori	35%
Pacific Peoples	3%
Asian	3%
Middle Eastern Latin American	
African	1%
Other Ethnicity	1%
Not Elsewhere Included	0%
New Zealander	1%
Other Ethnicity nec	0%
Grand Total	100%

Gender	Tangiwai	Ohakune	Raetihi	Waiouru	South Ruapehu
Male	52.69%	52.54%	51.01%	57.25%	53.06%
Female	47.31%	47.46%	48.99%	42.75%	46.94%

- **Mortality rate in Southern Ruapehu in comparison**

We do not hold this information. Please contact the Ministry of Health.

- ED presentations per capita for Southern Ruapehu

Area	Rate Per 1000
South Ruapehu	134
Whanganui DHB	271

Area	Ethnicity	Rate Per 1000	Maori vs Non-Maori
South Ruapehu	Maori	149	1.22
South Ruapehu	Non-Maori	122	
Whanganui DHB	Maori	275	1.02
Whanganui DHB	Non-Maori	268	

- Hospitalization rates per capita

Area	Rate Per 1000	South Ruapehu vs DHB rate
South Ruapehu	194	0.82
Whanganui DHB	238	

Area	Ethnicity	Rate Per 1000	Maori vs Non-Maori
South Ruapehu	Non-Maori	186	0.91
South Ruapehu	Maori	205	
Whanganui DHB	Non-Maori	244	1.10
Whanganui DHB	Maori	222	

- Top three reasons for admission, outpatient appointments and outpatient DNA

Inpatient admissions

Area	Reason (Specialty)	Hospitalisations
South Ruapehu	General Internal Medicine	433
South Ruapehu	General Surgery	238
South Ruapehu	Orthopaedic Surgery	205

Outpatient appointment

Area	Reason (Specialty)	Appointments
South Ruapehu	Orthopaedic Surgery	493
South Ruapehu	Ophthalmology	450
South Ruapehu	General Surgery	332

Outpatient appointment DNA rate

Area	Reason (Specialty)	Rate
South Ruapehu	Dental	25%
South Ruapehu	Diabetology	23%
South Ruapehu	Gynaecology	20%

- Immunization rates by 8 months old

Total	70%
Maori	65%

Pacifika n/a

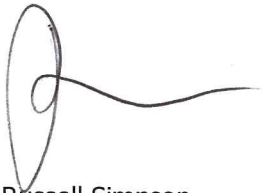
- **Mental health admissions per 1000 people and what this rate is compared to rest of WDHB**

Area	Rate Per 1000	% of MH Adms	South Ruapehu vs DHB rate
South Ruapehu	2.93	5%	0.69
Whanganui DHB	4.26		

Note, due to the proximity of Mid-Central DHB, Palmerston North, people from the Ruapehu district present at the Palmerston North Hospital Emergency Department and can be admitted there. Therefore, it is recommended that you approach Mid-Central DHB to provide information for your collection.

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



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