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Dear 

Re: OIA request – Oranga Tamariki children in mental health services

Thank you for your Official Information Act request received on 23 November 2021 seeking information from Waitematā District Health Board (DHB) about the number of young people under the care of Oranga Tamariki that are currently engaged with our mental health services.

Before responding to your specific questions, it may be useful to provide some context about our services.

Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS) provide assessment and intervention to children and young people who are experiencing a serious mental health disorder.

The service comprises the following teams: Marinoto North, Marinoto West, Marinoto Rodney, Infant Mental Health (Mātua Tuhonongā) and the Early Psychosis Intervention team (EPI).

The Marinoto teams provide mental health assessment and treatment to children and young people aged between 0 and 18 years. The upper age limit can be flexible dependent on the developmental stage of the young person i.e. if still attending high school and living at home, we may provide care to a young person up to 19 years.

Mātua Tuhonongā is a specialist mental health team that provides services for infants and toddlers with difficulties that are significant, and outside what would be expected, at their age and stage of development. These difficulties might include anxiety, feeding, sleeping, and/or behaviour. There may be a history of trauma that has significantly impacted on the child's development.

The EPI service sees young people between the ages of 16 and 25 years who are experiencing a first episode of psychosis.

In response to your request, we are able to provide the following information:

The number of young people under the care of Oranga Tamariki that are currently engaging with your mental health services within Waitematā DHB. This data will be used to work out how many young people in the region are having/accessing mental health services provided by the Government.

Waitematā DHB does not hold specific information on the number of children and young people seen by the service who are also under the care of Oranga Tamariki. However, we have asked the clinicians working within the service for this information, which is as follows:

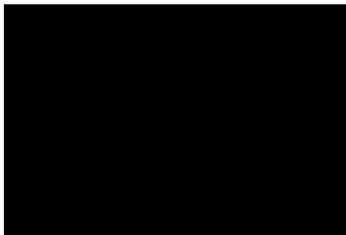
Number of children and young people identified by our clinical staff as being within our services and also under the care of Oranga Tamariki as at 14 December 2021	
Team	Number of clients
Marinoto West	7
Marinoto North	13
Marinoto Rodney	20
EPI	5
Mātua Tuhonongā	4
TOTAL	49

I trust that this information is helpful.

Waitematā DHB supports the open disclosure of information to assist community understanding of how we are delivering publicly funded healthcare. This includes the proactive publication of anonymised Official Information Act responses on our website from 10 working days after they have been released.

If you consider there are good reasons why this response should not be made publicly available, we will be happy to consider your views.

Yours sincerely



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