

24 August 2020



Dear 

**Re: OIA request – Mental health facilities**

Thank you for your Official Information Act request received 3 August 2020 seeking information from Waitematā District Health Board (DHB) about mental health facilities and admissions.

You requested the following information:

**1. Number of mental health inpatient facility beds at the DHB, by name of facility**

Please see the table below for number of mental health inpatient beds operated by Waitematā DHB. Please note that Waitematā DHB operates the Regional Forensic Psychiatry Services with a catchment area of Northland, Waitematā, Auckland and Counties Manukau DHB areas for forensic psychiatry patients. The catchment for forensic intellectual disability patients extends to Taupō. As your request is for mental health facilities, the following information excludes details on addiction services inpatient facilities:

Service	Inpatient unit	Total beds
Adult Acute Mental Health Services	Waiatarau	32
Adult Acute Mental Health Services	He Puna Waiora	35
Regional Forensic Psychiatry Services	Mason Clinic	111
Mental Health Services for Older Adults	Kingsley Mortimer Unit	17

**2. Number of people admitted as mental health inpatients who identify as transgender or gender diverse in the last 12 months**

Waitematā DHB is not able to provide this information as it has not been captured. Previously, it was not required to be collected by the Ministry of Health and the patient management system used by Waitematā DHB has not been capable of recording transgender or gender diverse status. The record of gender has simply been amended on request.

There is a plan to add a gender identity field to our patient management system as part of a major upgrade at the end of this month. This will allow the capture of a gender identify value of “another gender” and to record where a person’s biological sex does not match their gender identity.

We are, therefore, refusing this element of your request under section 18(g) of the Official Information Act 1982, as the information requested is not held by Waitematā DHB.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of the decisions taken in providing this response. Information about how to seek a review is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz)

### 3. Total number of people admitted as mental health inpatients in the last 12 months

The total number of people admitted as mental health inpatients in the 12 months to 31 July 2020 is shown below. Please note this does not necessarily reflect total admissions as some people may be admitted more than one time. As your request is for mental health facilities, the following information excludes details on addiction services inpatient facilities:

Service	Inpatient Unit	Total admissions
Adult Acute Mental Health Services	Waiaatarau	441
Adult Acute Mental Health Services	He Puna Waiora	432
Regional Forensic Psychiatry Services	Mason Clinic	99
Mental Health Services for Older Adults	Kingsley Mortimer Unit	107

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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