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Dear [REDACTED]

YOUR OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT (1982) REQUEST HBDHB REF: OIA2022025

I refer to your Official Information Act request dated 9 March 2022 where you requested information from Hawke's Bay District Health Board (HBDHB). Your questions and HBDHB's response is provided below:

Request for the monthly number of patients in the Hawke's Bay hospital looking for help because they were experiencing a series of symptoms that are collected in the next paragraphs.

On the person complaint the words chest or heart must be included. Other non-heart related words also might appear in the complaint like discomfort, pain, breath issues or dizziness (see all symptoms below). These symptoms are:

Chest heaviness, excruciating chest pain (that feels like a heart attack), discomfort, tightness or pain, difficulty breathing or shortness of breath, feeling dizzy, lightheaded, or faint, racing or fluttering hearth, or a feeling of "skipped beats" or palpitations.

The numbers of patients should be distributed by age (for example: Younger than 18 years old; 18-29; 30-39; 40-49; 50-59; 60-69; 70-79; over 80).

The vaccination status (only for Covid vaccine) should be added for each patient. The number of Covid vaccine shots would be added if known.

Selected period for the request (26 months total)

Years: 2020, 2021 and 2022 (January and February)

Please see the table below which shows the number of patients by month since January 2020 that Hawke's Bay Hospital has discharged with the medical diagnosis category of 'diseases and disorders of the circulatory systems' which includes the complaints outlined above.

Please note that Hawke's Bay DHB is unable to provide February 2022 data as this has not been clinically coded as yet. Therefore, this portion of your request is declined under section 18 (g) of the Official Information Act relating to information not held. Hawke's Bay DHB can however provide this data to you at a later date when it has been collected and coded by our clinical coding team.

Hawke's Bay DHB is unable to provide the COVID-19 vaccination status for each patient nor the number of COVID-19 vaccination doses each patient has or has not received due to patient privacy. Therefore, under section 9(2)(a) of the Official Information Act, this portion of your request is declined.

Year	Month	<18	18-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60-69	70-79	80+	TOTAL
2020	2020 TOTAL	67	161	213	327	674	993	1066	1045	4546
	January	7	8	16	25	58	76	102	78	370
	February	6	6	16	21	48	83	92	63	335
	March	7	13	11	22	44	80	80	57	314
	April	4	10	23	15	46	56	50	49	253
	May	3	17	22	32	46	81	84	86	371
	June	7	17	14	32	56	85	98	96	405
	July	5	16	20	24	65	88	107	92	417
	August	7	13	10	22	58	92	95	94	391
	September	3	14	31	39	61	92	98	94	432
	October	5	11	23	29	58	92	96	127	441
	November	9	18	11	33	70	86	83	100	410
December	4	18	16	33	64	82	81	109	407	
2021	2021 TOTAL	74	206	248	381	692	1021	1156	1077	4855
	January	9	18	17	26	45	73	104	89	381
	February	2	15	18	28	66	80	100	85	394
	March	6	19	14	39	58	108	95	82	421
	April	5	19	17	31	53	85	102	82	394
	May	4	19	26	44	65	101	106	98	463
	June	7	13	24	27	44	93	83	90	381
	July	8	16	14	30	44	86	87	92	377
	August	3	13	24	24	67	70	81	100	382
	September	8	20	25	33	67	104	107	100	464
	October	7	14	22	30	70	89	90	90	412
	November	5	15	19	37	53	68	111	93	401
December	10	25	28	32	60	64	90	76	385	
2022	2022 TOTAL	7	22	15	33	54	81	83	81	376
	January	7	22	15	33	54	81	83	81	376

I trust this information meets your needs. If you would like any further information or clarification please phone me. If you are not satisfied with this response you may contact the Office of the Ombudsman, phone 0800 802 602.

Please note that this response, or an edited version of this response, may be published on the Hawke's Bay DHB website after your receipt of this response.

Yours sincerely



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