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Dear [REDACTED]

Official Information Act Request

On 4 November 2021 the Ministry of Health transferred part of your Official Information Act request about live-in treatment services to district health boards. The parts transferred are listed below.

1. How many government funded Live-in treatment services (Residential services & Support houses) were there between 2015 and 2021 broken down by year? What was the number of beds abatable in these services, broken down by year?

Northland DHB funds the following providers to provide live-in treatment services

Ngati Hine Health Trust	12 beds in Kawakawa
Odyssey	10 beds in Whangarei
Higher Ground	2 beds in Auckland

2. What were the names, and locations of these facilities?

Please see our response above.

3. How many government funded Live-in treatment services (residential services & support houses) closed between 2015 and 2021?

None of the facilities receiving funding from Northland DHB closed during 2015 and 2021.

4. What were the names of the facilities that closed, and locations of these facilities?

NA

5. How many people have been on the waiting list for these facilities between 2015, and 2021. Broken down by year?

Northland DHB does not maintain a waitlist database; the information is only held on individual patient records. In order to collate the data a manual review of multiple individual medical records would be required. I have therefore decided to decline your request in accordance with section 18(f) of the Official Information Act as making the information available would require substantial collation and research. You have a right to complain to the Ombudsman about my decision.

6. What is the average amount of time between 2015 and 2021, a person has been expected to wait for a place in these facilities?

Four to six weeks.

7. How many of these centres both live in treatment services and detox beds closed during lockdown periods? At what level are these services allowed to operate?

We are not aware of any live-in treatment service closures during lockdown periods.

Timatanga Hou, Northland DHB's detox unit, closed during the initial national Level 4 Lockdown in 2020 and reopened when the lockdown was reduced to Level 3. It has not closed during later lockdown periods.

10. What was the average wait time for a drug and alcohol detox bed, between 2015 and 2021?

Six weeks.

11. On average how many people have been on the waiting list for drug and alcohol detox bed, between 2015 and 2021? Broken down by year?

2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
127	171	170	175	227	236	224

Please note that in January 2019 Timatanga Hou increased its bed numbers from 5 to 8 and as expected the number of referrals to the service increased.

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If you have any queries regarding Northland DHB's response to your information request please contact me.

Yours sincerely



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