



16 December 2020

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Dear [Redacted]

Official Information Act Request

You have asked for information about alcohol related harm.

The data presented below is for the period 1 January 2015 to 31 October 2020. Information provided is dependent on the electronically recorded data available. It is not possible to identify injuries or harm by others with alcohol in their system for inpatient admissions. Information is not recorded in that manner. Identifying injuries or harm caused by others with alcohol in their system is often available for ED presentations, however, it is dependent on the information being gathered and recorded appropriately.

I am requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 regarding alcohol related harm at Northland District Health Board.

- *Please provide a yearly breakdown of how many people were treated at Northland District Health Board from 2015 to 2020 to date (including through the COVID-19 period) for alcohol related harm.*

Year	Total
2015	306
2016	346
2017	324
2018	366
2019	421
2020	435

- *Please provide a yearly breakdown of the age groups of those treated at Northland District Health Board from 2015 to 2020 to date (including through the COVID-19 period) for alcohol related harm .*

Year	0 - 4	5 - 14	15 - 24	25 - 44	45 - 64	65 - 74	75 +	Grand Total
2015		1	87	95	88	16	19	306
2016		4	93	111	96	33	9	346
2017		2	102	91	90	30	9	324
2018		2	99	105	99	44	17	366
2019	1	4	88	131	131	51	15	421
2020		2	63	148	150	48	24	435

- Please provide a yearly breakdown of the ethnicity of those treated at Northland District Health Board from 2015 to 2020 to date (including through the COVID-19 period) for alcohol related harm.

Year	Māori	Pacific	Pakeha/ European	Asian	Other	Grand Total
2015	102	4	196	1	3	306
2016	118	6	210	10	2	346
2017	120	8	186	6	4	324
2018	133	10	207	6	10	366
2019	163	10	240	4	4	421
2020	164	16	243	7	5	435

- Please provide a yearly breakdown of how many people were admitted to Northland District Health Board from 2015 to 2020 to date (including through the COVID-19 period) for alcohol related harm.

Year	Total
2015	580
2016	529
2017	535
2018	536
2019	554
2020	538

- Please provide a yearly breakdown of the age groups of those admitted to Northland District Health Board from 2015 to 2020 to date (including through the COVID-19 period).

Year	0 - 4	5 - 14	15 - 24	25 - 44	45 - 64	65 - 74	75 +	Grand Total
2015	1		64	237	203	45	30	580
2016		3	66	165	216	56	23	529
2017			45	164	235	66	25	535
2018			34	162	228	85	27	536
2019	1	2	39	199	204	77	32	554
2020		1	45	172	215	68	37	538

- Please provide a yearly breakdown of the ethnicity of those admitted at Northland District Health Board from 2015 to 2020 to date (including through the COVID-19 period) for alcohol related harm.

Year	Māori	Pacific	Pakeha/ European	Asian	Other	Grand Total
2015	238	4	323	7	8	580
2016	213	6	301	4	5	529
2017	200	9	325	1		535
2018	182	5	343	5	1	536
2019	196	8	339	7	4	554
2020	211	12	307	4	4	538

- *Please provide a yearly breakdown of how many people died from alcohol related harm at Northland District Health Board from 2015 to 2020 to date (including through the COVID-19 period)*

Northland DHB's coding system does not capture the data requested. In order to provide it individual clinical records would need to be reviewed by a clinician. This would require substantial research and collation and would necessarily take the clinician away from their primary function of treating patients. I have therefore decided to decline this part of your request in accordance with section 18(f) of the Official Information Act. You have a right to complain to the Ombudsman about my decision.

- *Please provide a yearly breakdown of the cost for each person who was treated at Northland District Health Board from 2015 to 2020 to date (including through the COVID-19 period) for alcohol related causes.*

Year	Average Cost for Treatment	Average Cost for per Patient Admission
2015	\$140.74	\$8,672.54
2016	\$157.71	\$9,007.37
2017	\$136.34	\$11,981.50
2018	\$125.90	\$11,874.98
2019	\$159.30	\$10,789.43
2020	\$164.52	\$10,758.42

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If you have any questions regarding Northland DHB's response to your information request please contact Northland DHB's Communications Manager, in the first instance at communications@northlanddhb.org.nz.

Yours sincerely



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