



27 January 2022

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Dear [REDACTED]

Official Information Act Request

The Department of Internal Affairs transferred your Official Information Act request regarding assaults on health staff to district health boards on 22 December 2021.

1. *How many recorded assaults on health staff have there been in 2021?*
2. *How many recorded incidents of verbal abuse or threats have there been on health staff in 2021?*
3. *How many days have been lost due to staff taking time off after being assaulted in the same time frame?*

Physical Assaults	Verbal Abuse/Threats	Working Days Lost
225	108	1105

Northland DHB supports the open disclosure of information to assist public understanding of how we deliver our services. This includes proactive publication of anonymised Official Information Act responses on our website from 10 working days after they have been provided to you. Personal or identifying information will be redacted from any response published online. If you consider there are good reasons why this response should not be publicly available we will consider your views.

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

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Nick Chamberlain', written over a light blue circular watermark.

Dr Nick Chamberlain
Chief Executive