



19 August 2021

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Dear [REDACTED]

Official Information Act Request

You have asked for information about asthma hospital admissions.

I want to request an OIA for the number of adults and children in Northland who were hospitalised with asthma in 2019 and 2020 (numbers broken down into months).

Asthma admission events at all Northland DHB's hospitals (Whangarei, Kaitaia, Bay of Islands/Kawakawa and Dargaville) are listed in the table below. Northland DHB's coding system captures the number of admission events rather than the number of patients admitted. This means that patients admitted on more than one occasion will be counted for each hospital admission. Children are aged 0-16 years and adults are 17 years and over.

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 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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Ian McKenzie'.

Ian McKenzie
Acting Chief Executive

MonthYear	Children (0-16 years)	Adults (17 years and over)
January 19	3	7
February 19	4	4
March 19	6	8
April 19	12	10
May 19	4	10
June 19	4	15
July 19	6	12
August 19	22	10
September 19	9	10
October 19	6	9
November 19	6	9
December 19	6	9
January 20	1	8
February 20	13	9
March 20	3	10
April 20	0	3
May 20	2	6
June 20	13	8
July 20	12	9
August 20	4	7
September 20	5	8
October 20	4	8
November 20	3	7
December 20	3	10