



4 October 2021



Dear [REDACTED]

**Official Information Act Request**

You have asked for information about mental health services.

1. *How many people are on the waitlist for inpatient youth mental health services?*

Nil

2. *How many people are on the waitlist for outpatient youth mental health services?*

Nil

3. *How many people are on the waitlist for inpatient adult mental health services?*

Nil. There are no wait times for inpatient beds. Individuals requiring inpatient mental health services are admitted as a matter of urgency.

4. *How many people are on the waitlist for outpatient adult mental health services?*

25 adults.

5. *How many people have died of suicide, or are believed to have died of suicide, in the last 10 years while on the waitlist for inpatient youth mental health services?*
6. *How many people have died of suicide, or are believed to have died of suicide, in the last 10 years while on the waitlist for outpatient youth mental health services?*
7. *How many people have died of suicide, or are believed to have died of suicide, in the last 10 years while on the waitlist for inpatient adult mental health services?*
8. *How many people have died of suicide, or are believed to have died of suicide, in the last 10 years while on the waitlist for outpatient adult mental health services?*

Northland DHB does not collect this information in a database outside of patient records. In order to provide the information significant manual investigation and review of patient records is required. I have therefore decided to withhold this information in accordance with section 18(f) of the Official Information Act as providing it would require substantial collation and research. You have a right to complain to the Ombudsman about my decision.

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](mailto:communications@northlanddhb.org.nz) .

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'N Chamberlain', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

**Dr Nick Chamberlain**  
**Chief Executive**