



8 July 2021

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Dear [REDACTED]

Official Information Act Request

You have asked for information about childhood illness.

Could I please have the number of children (aged 0-14) recorded by Northland DHB with the following conditions, in 2014, 2017 and 2020:

*Whooping cough
Rheumatic fever*

And the number of children (aged 0-14) admitted to hospital in Northland with the following conditions:

*Pneumonia
Bronchiolitis
Bronchopneumonia
Dental disease requiring surgery
Malnutrition*

Year	Whooping cough	Rheumatic fever
2014	7	26
2017	6	14
2020	2	7

Our patient coding system records number of presentations and these are set out in the following table. Some children will present to hospital and require admission on more than one occasion. We are unable to distinguish between the diagnosis of pneumonia and bronchopneumonia without a clinical review of individual patient records, hence they are listed together.

Year	Pneumonia inc. Bronchopneumonia	Acute bronchiolitis	Malnutrition	Dental procedures
2014	183	343	1	44
2017	206	330	0	24
2020	44	130	1	31

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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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Nick Chamberlain', written in a cursive style.

Dr Nick Chamberlain
Chief Executive