



26 April 2022

[REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

Official Information Act Request

You have asked for information services provided to people who stutter.

*Would you please advise:
whether you do provide services for people who stutter?*

Northland DHB provides a service for adult patients. Our Paediatric Speech Language Therapy Service provides communication intervention for children with disabilities under the age of three years. It does not provide a service for children who stutter.

If you do provide services for people who stutter, would you please advise:

- *how many people who stutter that you have worked with in the last year including a breakdown of their ages and ethnicities*

One patient was referred and seen in the past year; 75 year old, NZ European.

- *the type of services that you provided, e.g. individual speech therapy, group programmes*

Individual speech therapy

- *the number of sessions of individual speech therapy you provided in the last year*

Eleven sessions

- *the number of any other programmes etc that you offered and the number of participants in these programmes.*

Zero

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 about Northland DHB's response to your information request please contact me.

Yours sincerely

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

Dr Nick Chamberlain
Chief Executive