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Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) to the Ministry of Health (the Ministry) on 2 December 2021 for:

“...the data series on notifications under Section 31(b) of the Health and Disability Services Act 2001, relating to “notifications of a potential health and safety risk resulting from registered nurse coverage issues in aged residential care” (I am aware from reading web page that there is no longer a specially designed form for these incidents).

...the data series on pressure injuries reported by aged care providers at Stage 3 and above (as described on the above web page).”

The table below outlines the pressure injury and registered nurse coverage under section 31 notifications from aged residential care (ARC) providers between 1 January 2014 and 12 January 2022:

Year	Pressure Injury	Registered Nurse Coverage
2014	Not collected	1
2015	Not collected	9
2016	430	2
2017	630	10
2018	619	30
2019	731	278
2020	759	260
2021	810	851
2022	13	32
Total	3,992	1,473

HealthCERT is responsible for regulating healthcare providers as required under the Health and Disability Services (Safety) Act 2001 (the HDSS Act).

ARC providers are required to be certified under the HDSS Act and to meet the Health and Disability Services Standards NZS 8134:2008 (the Standards). The Standards include consumer rights, organisational management, continuum of care delivery, safe and appropriate environment, restraint and minimisation, and infection prevention and control. ARC providers are audited against the Standards on a regular basis to ensure residents receive safe and high-

quality care. ARC providers are required to report incidents under section 31 (5) of HDSS Act. These include any incidents where residents' safety is being put at risk as well as police investigations and deaths reported to the Coroner. HealthCERT commenced a work programme on pressure injury notifications in 2016, therefore there is no data available for pressure injuries prior to 2016.

Further information on section 31 reporting is available on the Ministry's website at: www.health.govt.nz/our-work/regulation-health-and-disability-system/certification-health-care-services/information-providers-health-care-services/notifying-incident-under-section-31 or the Health and Disability Services (Safety) Act 2001 at: www.legislation.govt.nz/act/public/2001/0093/19.0/DLM120564.html.

I trust this information fulfils your request Under section 28(3) of the Act, you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review any decisions made under this request. The Ombudsman may be contacted by email at: info@ombudsman.parliament.nz or by calling 0800 802 602.

Please note that this response, with your personal details removed, may be published on the Ministry of Health website at: www.health.govt.nz/about-ministry/information-releases.

Nāku noa, nā



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