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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 18 December 2021 regarding health service users. Please find a response to each part of your request below.

Can you please provide me with the Ministry of Health's estimated number of health service users (HSU) who interacted with the health system in 2019?

Approximately 5,000,769 health service users interacted with the health system in 2019.

Can you please provide me with the number of HSU who interacted with health system in 2020?

Approximately 5,046,740 health service users interacted with the health system in 2020.

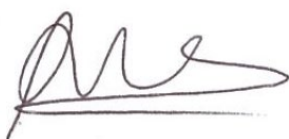
Can you please give me the total estimated eligible population number of HSU that was used as the baseline data figure to determine vaccine coverage rates and from which date to which date (day, month, year) was determined as the previous year for that data?

The total estimated number of health service users used as the baseline data was 4,209,057. This includes everyone who interacted with the health system between 1 January 2020 and 31 December 2020 who were alive and aged 12 years or over as at 1 July 2020.

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 website at: www.health.govt.nz/about-ministry/information-releases/responses-official-information-act-requests.

Nāku noa, nā



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