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By email: s 9(2)(a)
Ref: H202200495

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Response to your request for official information

On 21 January 2022, the Ministry of Health (the Ministry) received your request made under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). Please find a response to each part of your request below.

1. *For each year, between 2011-2021, please provide an ethnic and gender breakdown of people diagnosed with endometriosis through the public health system*

The Ministry can provide the number of publicly funded hospital discharges with a primary diagnosis of endometriosis from July 2010 to June 2021. These numbers are published annually as part of our hospitalisation tables: www.health.govt.nz/publication/publicly-funded-hospital-discharges-1-july-2018-30-june-2019 The most recent published year is 2018/19 where there were 1,713 discharges.

2. *For each year, between 2011-2021, please provide an ethnic and gender breakdown of people admitted to the emergency department for pain related to gynaecological issues.*

The data collected by the Ministry from the district health boards (DHBs) does not contain information on diagnosis from the Emergency Departments. You may wish to approach the individual DHBs you are interested in further information.

3. *Of all living patients under the public health system who have a diagnosis of endometriosis, please state the percentage of those who have used district health board mental health services, pain services, and pelvic physiotherapy services, respectively.*

Your request for this information is refused under section 18(g) of the Act, as the information requested is not held by the Ministry and there are no grounds for believing it is held by another agency subject to the Act. To provide this information to you would require the creation of information which is not a requirement under the Act.

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.

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