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Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your follow up request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) to the Ministry of Health (the Ministry) on 1 March 2022. Please find a response to each part of your request below.

Since you've provided data for the latest financial year, can you please tell me the total number of clients seen by MHAS for the financial year 2020-21, including both DHBs and NGOs. (In 2019-20 the corresponding figure was 184,711.)

The total number of clients seen by Mental Health and Addiction Services between July 2020 and June 2021 is 191,293.

Please note the following caveats when interpreting the data:

1. The information was sourced from the Programme for the Integration of Mental Health Data (PRIMHD) and extracted on 23 March 2021. PRIMHD is the Ministry's single national mental health and addiction (MHA) information collection of service activity and outcomes data for health consumers.
2. This information counts distinct clients seen by specialist MHA services in the 12-month period.
3. All age groups are included in this figure.
4. The figure includes both district health board (DHB) and non-governmental organisation (NGO) secondary MHA services.
5. Some organisations have breaks in reporting and/or incomplete data in PRIMHD for some time periods.

What was the Vote Health operating expenditure and expenditure on mental health services for the years 17-18, 18-19, 19-20 and 20-21? le figures consistent with table 1 and table 2 of this submission:

<https://www.health.govt.nz/system/files/documents/pages/submission-government-inquiry-into-mental-health-and-addiction-appendix5.pdf>

Please refer to the table below for Vote Health estimates between 2017 and 2021.

	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
Vote Health estimates				
\$m	16,773	18,225	19,871	20,269

Please note the following caveats when interpreting the data:

1. This has been sourced from the Treasury website. These are the figures as reported in the relevant year's Health Sector Estimates of Appropriations documents. For example: www.treasury.govt.nz/publications/estimates/vote-health-health-sector-estimates-2020-21
2. These figures are estimates/ allocated amounts and therefore is not actual expenditure.

The below table provides the Mental Health Expenditure between 2017 and 2021. This information has been sourced from the DHB Price Volume Schedule, as well as the Contract Management System and the Client Claims Processing System data sets.

	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
Mental Health Expenditure \$m	1,467	1,533	1,689	1,820

3. What is the latest estimate of the % of the population accessing specialist care under the ring-fence?

The below table provides the percentage of people seen by specialist Mental Health and Addiction Services between July 2020 and June 2021.

Year	Percentage of clients seen
2020/21	3.7%

Please note the following caveats when interpreting the data:

1. The information was sourced from PRIMHD and extracted on 23 March 2021.
2. Population Data: DHBs Ethnic Group Population Projections, 2020 Update produced by Statistics New Zealand according to assumptions specified by the Ministry.
3. Presents distinct clients seen by specialist MHA services in the 12-month period as a proportion of the population.
4. All age groups are included in this figure.
5. The figure includes both DHB and NGO secondary MHA services.
6. Some organisations have breaks in reporting and/or incomplete data in PRIMHD for some time periods.

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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