

5 April 2022

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By email: s 9(2)(a)  
Ref: H202203732

Tēnā koe s 9(2)(a)

### 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 8 March 2022 for data regarding to myocarditis. You specifically requested:

*“Please provide data showing rates of myocarditis diagnoses nationally, month-on-month, for the last 24 months.*

*Please provide data showing numbers of chest pain presentations in emergency rooms, nationally, month-on-month for the last 24 months.”*

Document 1, attached, contains data for publicly funded hospitalisations where the primary diagnosis was acute myocarditis. The Ministry does not receive reporting on medical conditions diagnosed in every healthcare setting. The Ministry holds data on acute myocarditis diagnosed during publicly funded hospitalisations.

The Ministry is unable to answer part two of your request as Emergency Department attendances reported to the Ministry do not include diagnostic information. Therefore, your request for this information is refused under section 18(g)(i) 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.

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](mailto: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](http://www.health.govt.nz/about-ministry/information-releases/responses-official-information-act-requests).

Nāku noa, nā



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**Publicly funded hospital discharges with a primary diagnosis of acute myocarditis, by year and month**

ICD-10-AM version 8 code I40 used

Extracted: 16/03/2022

Source: National Minimum Dataset (NMDS)

We generally apply a three month lag to data extractions to ensure data completeness. As the month of December 2021 is within this three month period, the data provided should be used with caution.

<b>Year and month of discharge</b>	<b>Discharges</b>
202001	2
202002	2
202003	3
202004	1
202006	7
202007	4
202008	3
202009	2
202010	8
202011	12
202012	2
202101	2
202102	5
202103	7
202104	8
202105	9
202106	4
202108	5
202109	6
202110	4
202111	3
202112	5

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