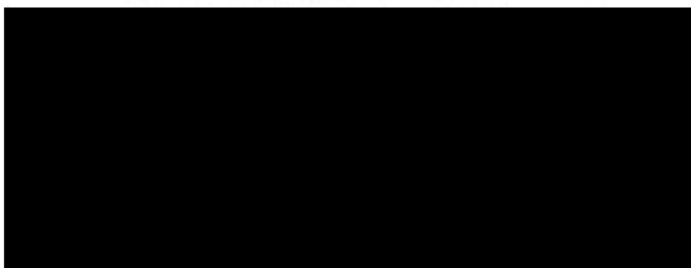


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Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your request of 17 May 2019 under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) for the following:

- “1. Suicide rate for the past 5 years, both attempted and successful, for patients while in the care of district health board mental health inpatient services? This data needs to be broken down into the separate DHBs.*
- 2. (a) How many psychologists are in paid employment within the various DHB's inpatient mental health services? (b) What typically is there job description for the services they are paid to provide and how is this funded by central government?*
- 3. How many individuals with psychology degrees above Masters level are paid by the Ministry of Health to set health policy?*
- 4. How many individuals with psychiatry degrees above Masters level are paid by the Ministry of Health to set health policy?*
- 5. What psychological services are funded by the Ministry of Health where a psychologist needs a masters level or higher qualification?”*

On 21 May 2019, the Ministry of Health (the Ministry) proposed to refine part 1 of your request to:

“The number of publicly funded hospital discharges with an intentional self-harm incident that occurred during the event, broken down by DHB of service and the patient's discharge type (i.e. were they discharged dead or alive).”

The Ministry has not received a response to date, therefore the Ministry will be responding to the proposed refinement of part 1 of your request.

On 29 May 2019, the Ministry partially transferred your request to all district health boards (DHBs) under section 14 of the Act. You can expect a response from all DHBs in due course.

Information held by the Ministry pertaining to your request is as follows.

Request	Response
1. <i>Suicide rate for the past 5 years, both attempted and successful, for patients while in the care of district health board mental health inpatient services? This data needs to be broken down into the separate DHBs.</i>	See Attachment 1. A field to indicate whether the patient was discharged from a Mental Health specialty or not has also been included. Please note that this data used the Condition Onset Code to determine whether the intentional self-harm occurred during the event. Northland DHB did not report this field to the Ministry before July 2017, though they did include the information in the free text fields.
2. <i>(a) How many psychologists are in paid employment within the various DHB's inpatient mental health services?</i>	This information is not held by the Ministry. Transferred to all DHBs.
2. <i>(b) What typically is their job description for the services they are paid to provide and how is this funded by central government?</i>	DHBs are bulk funded and each DHB decides on the level and mix of services to provide as well as the number of staff to hire.
3. <i>How many individuals with psychology degrees above Masters level are paid by the Ministry of Health to set health policy?</i>	The Ministry could not provide a number because the information held by the Human Resource system is based on how staff answer the 'Health practitioner qualification' question (see page 2 of Attachment 2). Answering this question is voluntary.
4. <i>How many individuals with psychiatry degrees above Masters level are paid by the Ministry of Health to set health policy?</i>	The Ministry currently employs two qualified psychiatrists, who are involved in policy formation and setting.
5. <i>What psychological services are funded by the Ministry of Health where a psychologist needs a masters level or higher qualification?</i>	This information is not held by the Ministry. Transferred to all DHBs.

I trust that this information fulfils your request. You have the right, under section 28 of the Act, to ask the Ombudsman to review any decisions made under this request.

Please note that this response, with your personal details removed, may be published on the Ministry's website.

Yours sincerely



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Publicly funded hospital discharges with an intentional self-harm external cause during the event, 2013/14-2017/18

ICD-10-AM-VI codes X60-X84

Condition onset code = 1

Please note that Northland DHB did not report to the condition onset code field before July 2017

A patient is discharged dead if the event end type = DD or ED

A patient is discharged transferred if the event end type = DA, DF, DP, DT, DW, EA or ET

A patient was discharged from a mental health specialty if the reported specialty's first character = Y

Extracted 4 June 2019

DHB	Discharge specialty (grouped)	Discharge status	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
1011 Northland DHB	Medical/Surgical/Maternity/Disability	Discharged alive					1
1011 Northland DHB	Mental Health	Discharged alive					2
1011 Northland DHB	Medical/Surgical/Maternity/Disability	Discharged transferred					1
1011 Northland DHB	Mental Health	Discharged transferred					2
1021 Waitemata DHB	Medical/Surgical/Maternity/Disability	Discharged alive		1	1	1	3
1021 Waitemata DHB	Mental Health	Discharged alive			6	6	5
1021 Waitemata DHB	Medical/Surgical/Maternity/Disability	Discharged transferred			2	1	1
1021 Waitemata DHB	Mental Health	Discharged transferred		3	12	6	9
1021 Waitemata DHB	Medical/Surgical/Maternity/Disability	Discharged dead				1	1
1022 Auckland DHB	Medical/Surgical/Maternity/Disability	Discharged alive	2	4	6	4	5
1022 Auckland DHB	Mental Health	Discharged alive	9	10	17	13	9
1022 Auckland DHB	Medical/Surgical/Maternity/Disability	Discharged transferred	2		1		2
1022 Auckland DHB	Mental Health	Discharged transferred	10	8	9	13	7
1022 Auckland DHB	Medical/Surgical/Maternity/Disability	Discharged dead		1			
1022 Auckland DHB	Mental Health	Discharged dead			1		
1023 Counties Manukau DHB	Medical/Surgical/Maternity/Disability	Discharged alive	4	6	3	3	3
1023 Counties Manukau DHB	Mental Health	Discharged alive	5	6	3	7	4
1023 Counties Manukau DHB	Medical/Surgical/Maternity/Disability	Discharged transferred	1	3	1		
1023 Counties Manukau DHB	Mental Health	Discharged transferred	2	5	4	5	2
1023 Counties Manukau DHB	Mental Health	Discharged dead		1			
2031 Waikato DHB	Medical/Surgical/Maternity/Disability	Discharged alive	3	1		4	2
2031 Waikato DHB	Mental Health	Discharged alive	4	1	6	5	2
2031 Waikato DHB	Medical/Surgical/Maternity/Disability	Discharged transferred	1		2	1	1
2031 Waikato DHB	Mental Health	Discharged transferred			2	1	1
2042 Lakes DHB	Medical/Surgical/Maternity/Disability	Discharged alive	2	2	1	3	1
2042 Lakes DHB	Mental Health	Discharged alive	2	5	3		7
2047 Bay of Plenty DHB	Medical/Surgical/Maternity/Disability	Discharged alive	4	1	1	1	
2047 Bay of Plenty DHB	Mental Health	Discharged alive	11	4	7	13	10
2047 Bay of Plenty DHB	Medical/Surgical/Maternity/Disability	Discharged transferred		2	1	1	1

DHB	Discharge specialty (grouped)	Discharge status	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
2047 Bay of Plenty DHB	Mental Health	Discharged transferred	5	9	2		1
2051 Tairāwhiti DHB	Mental Health	Discharged alive		1	1		1
2051 Tairāwhiti DHB	Medical/Surgical/Maternity/Disability	Discharged transferred		2			2
2051 Tairāwhiti DHB	Mental Health	Discharged transferred			1		1
2071 Taranaki DHB	Medical/Surgical/Maternity/Disability	Discharged alive		1	1		2
2071 Taranaki DHB	Mental Health	Discharged alive			2		1
2071 Taranaki DHB	Medical/Surgical/Maternity/Disability	Discharged transferred	1	1	1		
3061 Hawkes Bay DHB	Medical/Surgical/Maternity/Disability	Discharged alive	2	1			
3061 Hawkes Bay DHB	Mental Health	Discharged alive			1		1
3061 Hawkes Bay DHB	Medical/Surgical/Maternity/Disability	Discharged transferred		2			
3061 Hawkes Bay DHB	Mental Health	Discharged transferred			1		
3081 MidCentral DHB	Medical/Surgical/Maternity/Disability	Discharged alive					3
3081 MidCentral DHB	Mental Health	Discharged alive	1	2	2	1	4
3081 MidCentral DHB	Medical/Surgical/Maternity/Disability	Discharged transferred		1			1
3082 Whanganui DHB	Medical/Surgical/Maternity/Disability	Discharged alive					2
3082 Whanganui DHB	Medical/Surgical/Maternity/Disability	Discharged transferred					1
3091 Capital and Coast DHB	Medical/Surgical/Maternity/Disability	Discharged alive	12	5	1	6	9
3091 Capital and Coast DHB	Mental Health	Discharged alive	26	8	5	2	
3091 Capital and Coast DHB	Medical/Surgical/Maternity/Disability	Discharged transferred	1	2	1	2	1
3091 Capital and Coast DHB	Mental Health	Discharged transferred	5	6	3	6	2
3091 Capital and Coast DHB	Medical/Surgical/Maternity/Disability	Discharged dead	1				2
3092 Hutt Valley DHB	Medical/Surgical/Maternity/Disability	Discharged alive	2	1			2
3092 Hutt Valley DHB	Mental Health	Discharged alive		1	1		1
3092 Hutt Valley DHB	Medical/Surgical/Maternity/Disability	Discharged transferred				1	
3092 Hutt Valley DHB	Mental Health	Discharged transferred	2				1
3101 Nelson Marlborough DHB	Medical/Surgical/Maternity/Disability	Discharged alive			1		2
3101 Nelson Marlborough DHB	Medical/Surgical/Maternity/Disability	Discharged transferred			4		5
4111 West Coast DHB	Mental Health	Discharged alive				2	
4111 West Coast DHB	Medical/Surgical/Maternity/Disability	Discharged transferred				2	
4111 West Coast DHB	Mental Health	Discharged transferred	1	1			2
4121 Canterbury DHB	Medical/Surgical/Maternity/Disability	Discharged alive	6	4	3	8	5
4121 Canterbury DHB	Mental Health	Discharged alive	16	10	1		3
4121 Canterbury DHB	Medical/Surgical/Maternity/Disability	Discharged transferred	5	1	2		
4121 Canterbury DHB	Mental Health	Discharged transferred	1				
4121 Canterbury DHB	Mental Health	Discharged dead	1				
4160 Southern DHB	Medical/Surgical/Maternity/Disability	Discharged alive	3	4	3	6	4
4160 Southern DHB	Mental Health	Discharged alive	23	15	18	21	18

DHB	Discharge specialty (grouped)	Discharge status	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
4160 Southern DHB	Medical/Surgical/Maternity/Disability	Discharged transferred	2	5	2		2
4160 Southern DHB	Mental Health	Discharged transferred	13	17	11	5	12
4160 Southern DHB	Mental Health	Discharged dead	1				
Total New Zealand			194	164	156	158	169

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Employment Related Information Form

Personal Details

Title: Mr Mrs Miss Ms Other (Please circle one)	
First Name(s)	Surname
Preferred Name	D.O.B.
Gender Male <input type="checkbox"/>	Female <input type="checkbox"/>

Your Contact Details

Address	
City	Postcode
Email	
Phone No.	Mobile

Emergency Contact Details

Title: Mr Mrs Miss Ms Other (Please circle one)	
First Name(s)	Surname
Relationship	
Phone No.	Mobile

Ethnicity

The information that is collected is used for equal employment opportunities (EEO) reporting.

Ethnicity - Categories

New Zealand Maori <input type="checkbox"/>	Iwi Affiliation <input type="checkbox"/>
New Zealand European <input type="checkbox"/>	Other European <input type="checkbox"/>
Pacific Islander <input type="checkbox"/>	Asian <input type="checkbox"/>
Middle Eastern <input type="checkbox"/>	Ethnicity unknown
Other Ethnic Group	
Ethnicity:	Tribe or iwi:
Country of Birth:	

Please note that you can update your Ethnicity through the HR details screen on the portal if yours is not listed above.

Bank Details

Please add account where salary is to be paid

Please attach a deposit slip or bank statement with your account details

I authorise the Ministry of Health to credit all salary payments to the above account

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Health practitioner qualification

Over ten percent of Ministry of Health employees hold a health practitioner qualification. Some staff require a specific qualification for their role. Others have a health practitioner background but their position does not specifically require a health practitioner qualification. The Ministry is keen to identify both groups of employees so that they can be included in activities for the wider clinical staff network. This includes induction resources for new clinical staff. From time to time, this information will also be used for statistical purposes.

Providing information is voluntary. If you supply information on this form, you can at any time ask for it to be removed from the Ministry information systems. On the other hand, if you decide not to provide this information when you join the Ministry, you can provide it at a later date

Do you have a health practitioner qualification?

Yes No

If yes, what health profession is this qualification in?

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dentistry | <input type="checkbox"/> Pharmacy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dietetics | <input type="checkbox"/> Physiotherapy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Medicine | <input type="checkbox"/> Psychiatry |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Midwifery | <input type="checkbox"/> Psychology |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nursing | <input type="checkbox"/> Public health medicine |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nutrition | <input type="checkbox"/> Social work |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Occupational therapy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) _____ |

Disability

The definition of disability used is based on the Recommended International Standards used by the World Health Organisation and Statistics NZ. This provides information that is the focus of this definition on the limitations arising from the disability rather than the disability itself. The disability types are those by Statistics NZ in Disability Survey 1996.

Is your activity limited by a long-term condition or health problem that has lasted six months or more (or is expected to last six months or more)?

Yes

No

If you ticked Yes Which category best describes your condition or health problem?

- Sensory** - This includes hearing and seeing difficulties.
- Physical** - This includes Mobility and Agility difficulties. For example resting when walking up or down stairs or difficulty with bending and reaching.
- Intellectual** - Includes support or help from organisations like IHC or People first.
- Psychiatric/psychological** - Due to long-term emotional or psychological/psychiatric condition this includes people who have difficulty communicating.
- Other** - includes difficulties with speaking or being understood and any other disability not included.

Continuous Service

Continuous Service is defined as any period of work in a Public Service department or a Crown Entity with the exception of any Education Service employer. Service with district health boards (DHB) will continue to be recognised

Service will be recognised if it has not been broken by a 15 month break (or a four year break if for childcare) and not had redundancy paid out.

If you have any service prior to 13 May 2003 it will not be recognised.

For more information please refer to your Employment agreement.

If you wish to add any previous service that qualifies as continuous service please attach a Certificate of Service form from your previous employer.

Please check that your certificate includes:

- The Dates you were employed
- Any periods of leave without pay
- Any long service leave given to you in your employment
- Your reason for leaving
- Whether you received any redundancy payment.

If the above details are not included in your Certificate of Service please notify your previous employer as we cannot recognise any previous service without these details.

Superannuation

Do you presently contribute to a State Sector retirement Savings Scheme?

Yes

No

If Yes, do you wish to continue contributing to this scheme?

Yes

No

Please provide the following details for your scheme to be set up.

Current Scheme Provider:

SSRSS Member number:

Member Contribution: 1.50%

3%

Voluntary Contributions:

If you **also** have a KiwiSaver scheme please confirm which scheme you would like the employer subsidy to be paid to

KiwiSaver

SSRSS

I certify the above information is correct and authorise the Ministry of Health to make contributions to my State Sector Retirement Savings Scheme.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

To Transfer your scheme from your previous employer you will need to fill in a transfer form which can be found online at www.ssc.govt.nz/ssrss. Please fill in the form and send it to Payroll to complete.

Please note that if you would like to join or continue with KiwiSaver please fill in the attached form located in this pack.