



### Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your request of 30 June 2019 under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) for:

*“May I please request, under the Official Information Act, the national statistics for the following:*

- 1. The yearly total number of people with gallstones that turned into pancreatitis from the year 2009 until 2019.*
- 2. The yearly total number of deaths caused from pancreatitis (originating from gallstones) from 2009-2019.”*

The Ministry of Health uses the International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems (ICD) to code hospitalisation and morbidity data. Gallstone pancreatitis is coded to K85.1 – biliary acute pancreatitis.

Set out in the table below is the number of publicly funded hospital discharges from 2009 onwards, and the number of deaths between 2009 and 2015 with an underlying cause of death of biliary acute pancreatitis.

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
<b>Number of hospital discharges</b>	553	690	773	732	738	745	853	836	927	1044	427
<b>Number of deaths</b>	8	9	12	15	14	10	8	15	-	-	-

It is important to note that people hospitalised multiple times (transfers, re-admissions, multiple incidents) will be counted each time, and that 2016 is the most recent year for which mortality data is currently available.

Finalising death data takes several years as there are a variety of data quality processes involved before this information is published. Generally, provisional data becomes available

around two years after the end of the year. As such, 2017 mortality data is expected to be provisionally available in early 2020.

I trust this information fulfils your request. Please note this response (with your personal details removed) may be published on the Ministry of Health website.

Yours sincerely



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