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Reference HQSC142-2020 – Adverse Events

Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your request of 2 November 2020. We received your original request for official information on the 30 July 2020, requesting data on suspected suicide differentials for each DHB on adverse events and we advised that due to COVID-19 and public release of the adverse event data we would not be able to provide this data until 10 December 2020.

As per your correspondence on 30 July 2020:

I am now requesting the data that your Office has kindly provided in the past; namely the suspected suicide data differentials for each DHB. The ideal would be for it to be provided in the same format that has been used previously, this year capturing the data from 2015 to the latest reporting period 30 June 2020.

Please see attached our response (appendix one). The information provided is assembled from the Commission's database of mental health adverse events, which will not necessarily return exactly the same totals of events as the Office of the Director of Mental Health's published reports, or our annual summary. Data is provided to 5 November 2020.

This information does not include Ministry of Health population estimates for the 2019/2020 year. These are released by the Ministry of Health in December of each year. Additionally, appendix one of our reply to you dated 16 April 2018 sets out some caveats and limitations of the data we have provided to you.

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Nākū nā

Dr Janice Wilson
Chief Executive



Appendix one

Source: HQSC Adverse event database
Date: 5/11/2020

Population estimate source: Ministry of Health

Note: population figures from the Ministry of Health site are latest available projections for 2018/2019

	2019-20	2018-19	2017-18	2016-17	2015-16
Auckland	21	18	25	20	18
Population estimate		545,640 *		510,450	497,590
Inpatient restraint injury	1	1	0	0	0
Inpatient serious adverse behaviour	1	0	0	3	2
Inpatient suspected suicide	1	1	2	0	1
Inpatient serious self-harm	0	1	0	0	0
Absent without leave suspected suicide	0	0	0	0	0
On approved leave suspected suicide	0	2	0	0	1
Outpatient serious adverse behaviour	0	1	2	2	3
Outpatient serious self-harm	2	1	0	2	2
Outpatient suspected suicide	16	11	21	13	9
Bay of Plenty	5	6	14	6	6
Population estimate		238,380 *		226,530	223,430
Inpatient serious adverse behaviour	0	1	0	0	0
Inpatient suspected suicide	0	0	1	0	0
Absent without leave suspected suicide	0	0	1	0	0
On approved leave suspected suicide	0	0	0	0	0
Outpatient serious adverse behaviour	1	0	0	0	0
Outpatient suspected suicide	4	5	12	6	6
Canterbury	24	26	28	28	25
Population estimate		567,870 *		543,820	532,790
Inpatient serious adverse behaviour	0	1	2	1	1
Inpatient suspected suicide	2	0	0	1	0
Inpatient serious self-harm	1	1	1	0	0
Absent without leave suspected suicide	1	1	0	1	0
Absent without leave serious self-harm	0	0	0	0	0
On approved leave suspected suicide	1	0	0	1	1
On approved leave serious adverse behaviour	0	0	0	0	0
Outpatient serious adverse behaviour	1	0	0	1	1
Outpatient serious self-harm	1	4	0	0	1
Outpatient suspected suicide	17	19	25	23	21



	2019-20	2018-19	2017-18	2016-17	2015-16
Capital Coast	18	17	12	13	14
Population estimate		318,040	*	307,250	303,300
Inpatient serious adverse behaviour	1	0	0	0	0
Inpatient suspected suicide	1	0	1	1	0
Inpatient serious self-harm	2	1	1	2	0
Absent without leave suspected suicide	0	0	0	0	0
On approved leave suspected suicide	0	0	0	0	0
Outpatient serious adverse behaviour	0	0	0	2	0
Outpatient serious self-harm	1	1	0	1	0
Outpatient suspected suicide	13	15	10	7	14
Counties Manukau	17	18	13	11	9
Population estimate		563,210	*	541,080	528,340
Inpatient serious adverse behaviour	1	0	1	0	0
Inpatient suspected suicide	0	0	1	0	0
Inpatient serious self-harm	1	0	0	0	0
Absent without leave suspected suicide	0	2	0	1	1
Absent without leave serious self-harm	0	0	0	0	0
Absent without leave serious adverse behaviour	0	0	0	0	0
Outpatient serious adverse behaviour	0	1	0	2	1
Outpatient serious self-harm	3	3	0	0	0
Outpatient suspected suicide	12	12	11	8	7
Hawke's Bay	13	6	10	3	6
Population estimate		165,610	*	161,780	160,640
Inpatient serious adverse behaviour	0	1	0	0	0
Inpatient serious self-harm	2	0	0	0	0
Inpatient suspected suicide	0	0	0	0	0
Absent without leave serious self-harm	0	0	0	0	0
Absent without leave serious adverse behaviour	0	0	0	0	0
Outpatient serious adverse behaviour	2	0	0	0	0
Outpatient suspected suicide	9	5	10	3	6
Hutt Valley	7	4	4	8	8
Population estimate		149,680	*	145,310	144,430
Inpatient serious adverse behaviour	0	0	0	0	0
Inpatient serious self-harm	1	0	0	0	0
Absent without leave serious adverse behaviour	0	0	0	0	0
Absent without leave serious self-harm	1	0	0	0	0
Outpatient serious self-harm	0	0	0	1	0
Outpatient suspected suicide	5	4	4	7	8

	2019-20	2018-19	2017-18	2016-17	2015-16
Lakes	6	8	7	7	6
Population estimate		110,410	*	105,170	104,970
Inpatient serious adverse behaviour	0	0	0	1	0
Inpatient serious self-harm	0	1	1	0	0
Absent without leave serious adverse behaviour	0	0	0	0	0
On approved leave serious self-harm	0	0	0	0	1
Outpatient serious adverse behaviour	0	0	0	0	0
Outpatient serious self-harm	2	2	0	0	0
Outpatient suspected suicide	4	5	6	6	5
MidCentral	7	9	18	23	18
Population estimate		178,820	*	174,340	172,930
Inpatient suspected suicide	0	0	0	0	0
Inpatient serious self-harm	0	0	0	1	0
Absent without leave suspected suicide	0	0	0	2	0
Absent without leave serious self-harm	0	0	1	0	0
On approved leave suspected suicide	0	0	0	0	0
Outpatient serious adverse behaviour	0	0	2	0	0
Outpatient serious self-harm	0	0	0	0	3
Outpatient suspected suicide	7	9	15	20	15
Nelson Marlborough	9	6	5	6	6
Population estimate		150,770	*	147,210	145,680
Inpatient serious adverse behaviour	0	0	0	0	1
Inpatient serious self-harm	2	0	1	0	0
Outpatient serious adverse behaviour	2	0	1	1	0
Outpatient serious self-harm	1	0	1	0	0
Outpatient suspected suicide	4	6	2	5	4
Northland	14	9	4	10	6
Population estimate		179,370	*	170,560	169,150
Inpatient serious self-harm	0	0	0	0	2
Outpatient serious self-harm	0	0	0	0	1
Outpatient suspected suicide	14	9	4	10	3
South Canterbury	0	6	1	3	0
Population estimate		60,220	*	59,210	58,795
Inpatient serious adverse behaviour	0	0	0	0	0
Inpatient serious self-harm	0	1	0	0	0
Absent without leave suspected suicide	0	1			
Outpatient suspected suicide	0	4	1	3	0

	2019-20	2018-19	2017-18	2016-17	2015-16
Southern	16	22	26	19	20
Population estimate		329,890	*	319,200	315,940
Inpatient serious adverse behaviour	1	1	2	0	1
Inpatient suspected suicide	0	0	1	0	0
Inpatient serious self-harm	0	1	0	1	1
Absent without leave suspected suicide	0	0	0	1	1
Absent without leave serious self-harm	0	0	0	0	1
Absent without leave serious adverse behaviour	0	0	0	0	0
On approved leave suspected suicide	0	1	0	1	0
On approved leave serious self-harm	0	0	0	1	1
Outpatient serious adverse behaviour	1	0	1	0	3
Outpatient serious self-harm	1	2	1	0	0
Outpatient suspected suicide	13	17	21	15	12
Tairāwhiti	2	6	5	0	2
Population estimate		49,050	*	47,680	47,475
Inpatient serious adverse behaviour	0	0	0	0	0
Inpatient serious self-harm	0	1	0	0	0
Inpatient suspected suicide	0	1	0	0	0
Outpatient serious self-harm	0	0	1	0	0
Outpatient suspected suicide	2	4	4	0	2
Taranaki	5	5	3	2	2
Population estimate		120,050	*	118,110	116,770
Inpatient serious self-harm	0	1	0	0	0
Inpatient suspected suicide	0	0	1	0	0
On approved leave suspected suicide	1	0	0	0	0
Outpatient serious self-harm	0	1	1	0	0
Outpatient serious adverse behaviour	1	0	0	0	0
Outpatient suspected suicide	3	3	1	2	2
Waikato	17	21	14	16	12
Population estimate		419,890	*	400,820	394,340
Inpatient serious adverse behaviour	0	1	0	0	0
Inpatient suspected suicide	0	0	0	0	0
Inpatient serious self-harm	1	0	0	1	1
Absent without leave suspected suicide	2	0	0	0	0
On approved leave suspected suicide	1	0	0	3	0
Outpatient serious adverse behaviour	0	1	0	0	1
Outpatient serious self-harm	1	0	0	0	2
Outpatient suspected suicide	12	19	14	12	8

	2019-20	2018-19	2017-18	2016-17	2015-16
Wairarapa	3	2	2	5	1
Population estimate		44,906	*	43,890	43,420
Inpatient serious adverse behaviour	0	0	0	0	0
Outpatient serious self-harm	0	0	1	0	0
Outpatient suspected suicide	3	2	1	5	1
Waitemata	25	35	32	7	9
Population estimate		628,970	*	597,510	583,390
Inpatient serious adverse behaviour	0	0	1	0	0
Inpatient suspected suicide	1	2	4	0	0
Inpatient serious self-harm	0	1	0	0	0
Absent without leave suspected suicide	0	1	0	0	0
Absent without leave serious self-harm	0	0	0	0	0
On approved leave suspected suicide	0	0	1	0	0
Outpatient serious self-harm	0	1	1	0	0
Outpatient suspected suicide	24	30	25	7	9
West Coast	3	2	5	2	7
Population estimate		32,410	*	33,190	32,830
Inpatient serious adverse behaviour	0	0	0	0	1
Absent without leave suspected suicide	0	1	0	0	0
On approved leave serious self-harm	0	1	0	0	0
Outpatient serious adverse behaviour	0	0	0	0	0
Outpatient serious self-harm	2	0	0	0	0
Outpatient suspected suicide	1	0	5	2	6
Whanganui	4	6	4	6	4
Population estimate		64,550	*	62,445	62,540
Inpatient suspected suicide	0	0	0	1	0
Inpatient serious self-harm	0	0	0	0	0
Outpatient serious adverse behaviour	0	1	0	0	0
Outpatient suspected suicide	4	5	4	5	4
Total	216	232	232	195	178