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RE Official information request CDHB 10502

I refer to your email dated 7 December 2020 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act from Canterbury DHB. Specifically:

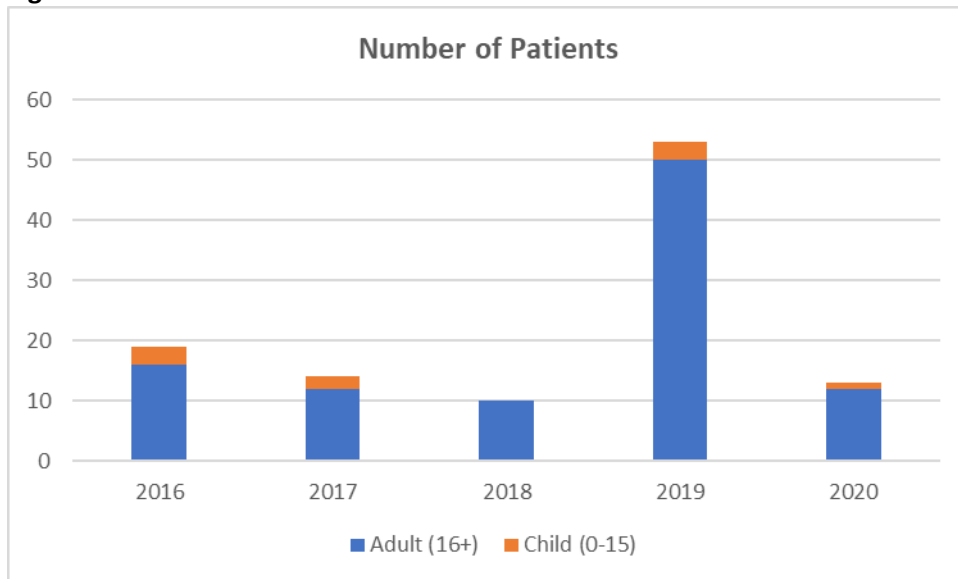
1. How many people has the Canterbury District Health Board treated for firearm injuries since January 2016?
 - In the figures please break down how many children received treatment
 - How many treatments were as a result of gang violence?
 - And what types of firearms caused each injury?

Please refer to **Table one** below and **fig.1** overleaf for admissions or Emergency Department visits related to firearms from Jan 2016 to November 2020.

Table one:

Age	Group	Number of Patients				
		2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Adult (16+)	Air Rifle Discharge	8	2		9	3
	Shotgun	1	5	1	1	1
	BB Gun	1		1		
	Other Rifle	1		1		3
	Other firearm	5	5	7	40	5
	Total	16	12	10	50	12
Child (0-15)	Air Rifle	2	2			1
	BB Gun	1				
	Other firearm				3	
	Total	3	2	0	3	1
Total		19	14	10	53	13

Fig.1



We do not hold information as to whether treatments related to gang violence, we are therefore declining this portion of your request pursuant to section 18(g) of the Official Information Act.

I trust this satisfies your interest in this matter.

You may, under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act, seek a review of our decision to withhold information by the Ombudsman. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz; or Freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that this response, or an edited version of this response, may be published on the Canterbury DHB website after your receipt of this response.

Yours sincerely

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