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RE Official Information Act request CDHB 10721

I refer to your email dated 12 August 2021 to the Ministry of Health which they subsequently partially transferred to us on 21 September 2021 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act from Canterbury DHB. Specifically: Questions 2, 3a, 3c, 3d, 3f and 3g.

2. **Of the total amount of strokes in NZ in 2019, 2020 and 2021:**
 - a. **How many of the victims were:**
 - i. **Overweight**
 - ii. **Diabetic**
 - iii. **High blood pressure / hypertension**
 - iv. **Atrial Fibrillation**
 - v. **High Cholesterol**
 - vi. **Smokers**
 - vii. **Identified as drinking alcohol regularly**
 - viii. **Where clinically depressed, or identified high stress levels**
 - ix. **Where medical misadventure strokes?**

This information is not held in an easily retrievable electronic data system and would be part of clinical notes. To provide this information would require us going through individual client notes/records which would take a substantial amount of time and resource. We are therefore declining a response to Question 2 pursuant to section 18(f) of the Official Information Act.

3. **Of the total amount of strokes and in NZ in 2019, 2020 and 2021:**
 - a. **How many received thrombolysis treatment?**

There were 2830 stroke admissions between 1 January 2019 and 30 September 2021. Of these, 272 received thrombolysis treatment.

Please refer to **Table one** (overleaf) for a breakdown by calendar year.

Table one:

| Calendar Year | Stroke Admissions | Thrombolysed |
|----------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|
| 2019 | 1008 | 95 |
| 2020 | 1110 | 106 |
| 2021 | 712 | 71 |

b. ~~How many were discharged within two weeks?~~

This question is being responded to by the Ministry of Health.

c. How many were referred to either the Stroke Foundation of New Zealand or Stroke Central New Zealand?

i. By region for Central Region

We are declining a response to this part of Question 3 pursuant to section 18(f) of the Official Information Act. This information would be held in clinical notes and it would take a substantial amount of time and resource to go through individual patient records to answer.

d. How many received some kind of rehabilitation treatment?

Please refer to **Table two** (below) for the number of people referred for rehabilitation treatment.

Table two

| Calendar year | Jan-Dec 2019 | Jan-Dec 2020 | Jan-Sep 2021 |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Burwood or Community Stroke Therapy Service | 680 | 727 | 472 |

e. ~~How many resulted in death from the stroke?~~

This question is being responded to by the Ministry of Health.

f. How many were secondary strokes?

Please refer to **Table three** (below)

Table three

| Secondary Stroke | Jan-Dec 2019 | Jan-Dec 2020 | Jan-Sep 2021 |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Has previous stroke admission, not during same stay | 381 | 378 | 243 |

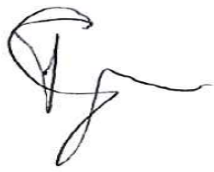
g. How many resulted in disability?

We are declining a response to this question pursuant to section 18(g) of the Official Information Act i.e. *"...the information requested is not held by the Canterbury DHB"*.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tracey Maisey', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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