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RE Official information request CDHB 10039

I refer to your email received 13 February 2019 and revised on 19 February 2019 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act from Canterbury DHB regarding violent incidents in Canterbury DHB hospitals within the last five years. Specifically:

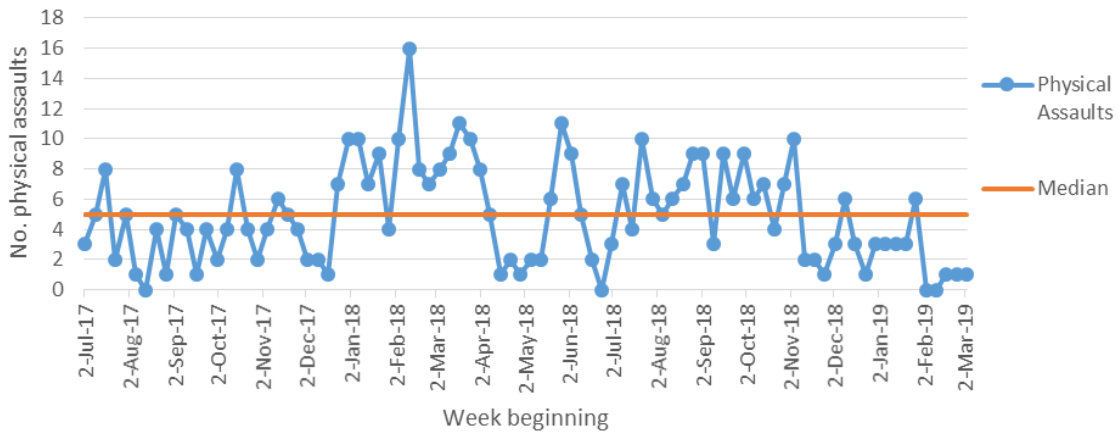
- **Where the patient was the perpetrator of a violent incident, how many incidents are reported within 48 hours of that patient being placed in seclusion or restraint.**
- **Were there any other factors or circumstances that may have contributed to the incident?**

As part of our purpose for this OIA question, we would like to understand whether there is any relationship between restraint/seclusion and aggressive or violent incidents.

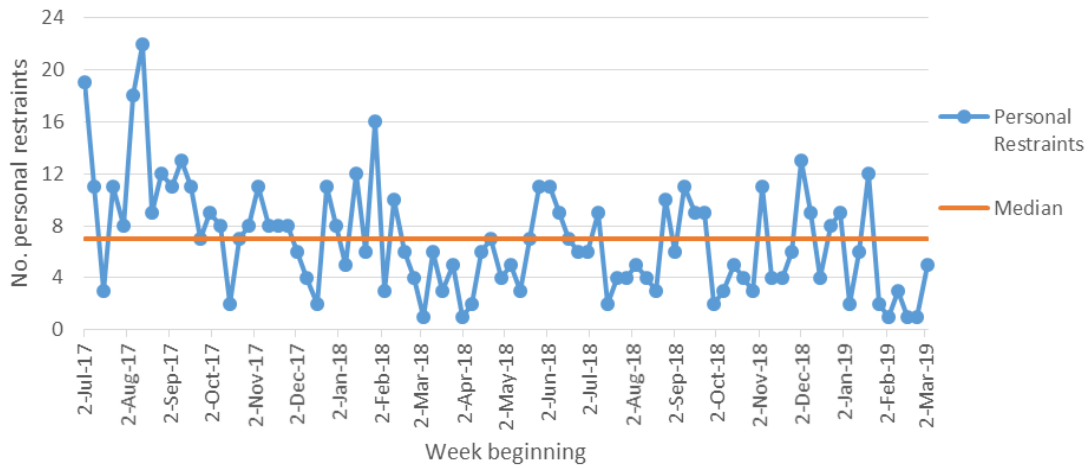
This would require us to go through every episode of seclusion / restraint, identify the reason for the use of restraint and seclusion to identify violent incidents and then run a report on each individual to see if there were further episodes of violence post restraint / seclusion. The time demands would be significant given the numbers involved. We are therefore declining to do this under section 18(f) of the Official Information Act.

The HQSC Zero Seclusion programme is collating balancing measures that considers the relationship between restraint, seclusion and incidents however this is high level data rather than unique individual data. Our most recent graphs for the Specialist Mental Health Service unit Te Awakura are overleaf:

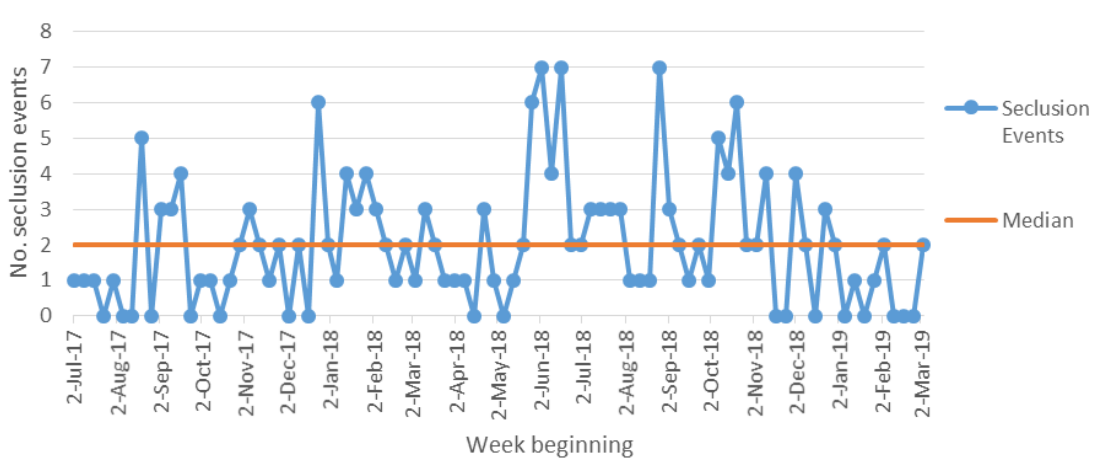
Te Awakura: Physical Assaults



Te Awakura: Personal Restraints



Te Awakura: Seclusion Events



I trust that this satisfies your interest in this matter.

If you disagree with our decision to withhold information you may, under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act, seek an investigation and review of our decision from 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 'Carolyn Gullery', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Carolyn Gullery
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