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**RE Official Information Act request CDHB 10681**

I refer to your email dated 6 August 2021 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act from Canterbury DHB. Specifically:

**At Christchurch Hospital A&E during the period of Friday 30th July to Tuesday 3rd August...**

- a. Please could I have a sex and age break down of causes for all admissions, and numbers thereof, under diagnostic headings, e.g.: blood clots, heart issues, breathing difficulties, RSV, anaphylactic shock, accidents ... etc?

**Please can the breakdown include numbers of people whose admissions were subsequent to Covid vaccination and the time frames: a) In the prior 2 weeks, b) the prior week, c) the prior 48 hours, d) The prior 24 hours?**

Please find attached as **Appendix 1** presentations to our Emergency Department (ED) for the time frame requested. We are providing you with the top 20 presenting complaints to ED, broken down by age bands and gender. **Note** we are declining to provide patient numbers less than 5 pursuant to section 9(2)(a) of the Official Information Act to protect individual privacy.

We do not match Covid vaccination data with ED presentation data as per the second part of your request and it would take a substantial amount of time and resource to provide the specific information requested. We are therefore declining this part of your request pursuant to section 18(f) of the Official Information Act.

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](http://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 be 'Tracey Maisey', written in a cursive style.

Tracey Maisey  
**Executive Director**  
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Table one

Top 20 Complaints	Male by 20-year age bands				
	0-19	20-39	40-59	60-79	80+
Abdominal pain	5	25	17	11	<5
Shortness of breath	15	5	11	19	16
Injury of upper limb	22	33	14	<5	<5
Chest pain	<5	7	29	27	5
Injury of lower limb	16	21	5	10	5
Fever symptoms	16	<5	<5	9	<5
Cough	16	5	<5	<5	<5
Back pain (no recent injury)	<5	6	<5	8	<5
General weakness/fatigue/unwell	<5	<5	<5	5	<5
Open wound (abrasion/laceration/puncture)	<5	12	5	5	<5
Fall(s)	<5	<5	<5	<5	8
Injury of head	7	6	<5	<5	<5
Nausea/vomiting/diarrhoea	6	<5	5	<5	<5
Seizure	5	5	<5	<5	<5
Collapse and/or syncope	<5	<5	<5	5	<5
Localised swelling or lump of skin	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5
Mental health problem	<5	<5	7	<5	<5
Headache	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5
Pain in lower limb (no recent injury)	<5	<5	6	<5	<5
Palpitations	<5	<5	7	<5	<5

Table two

Top 20 Complaints	Female by 20-year age bands				
	0-19	20-39	40-59	60-79	80+
Abdominal pain	14	38	18	11	7
Shortness of breath	18	8	18	19	14
Injury of upper limb	25	19	<5	8	<5
Chest pain	<5	14	18	10	9
Injury of lower limb	13	19	6	10	<5
Fever symptoms	13	<5	<5	<5	<5
Cough	14	7	<5	<5	<5
Back pain (no recent injury)	<5	7	<5	5	<5
General weakness/fatigue/unwell	<5	<5	5	5	5
Open wound (abrasion/laceration/puncture)	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5
Fall(s)	<5	<5	<5	<5	14
Injury of head	7	<5	<5	<5	<5
Nausea/vomiting/diarrhoea	6	5	<5	<5	<5
Seizure	6	6	<5	<5	<5
Collapse and/or syncope	<5	<5	<5	<5	5
Localised swelling or lump of skin	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5
Mental health problem	<5	7	<5	<5	<5
Headache	<5	12	<5	<5	<5
Pain in lower limb (no recent injury)	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5
Palpitations	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5

**Note:** We are declining to provide patient numbers <5 pursuant to section 9(2)(a) of the Official Information Act to protect individual privacy.