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RE Official information request CDHB 10038

I refer to your email received 18 February 2019 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act from Canterbury DHB. Specifically:

I would like a copy of any and all information totalling:

- **The number of patients prescribed antidepressants in 2018 by Canterbury DHB. Please include the age and gender of the patient(s).**

Clarified on 19/2/2019 as: including those in the community.

This request as it relates to the number of patients dispensed prescription anti-depressants by community pharmacies in 2018 is being answered by TAS on behalf of all District Health Boards.

Please refer to the **Appendix** (below) for information relating to the number of Canterbury DHB secondary care inpatients who received prescription anti-depressant medicines in 2018. This data is sourced from our inpatient medicines prescribing and administration system, MedChart, which is used in all our main hospitals.

In our smaller rural facilities, medicines for inpatients and aged-care residents are prescribed and administered using paper charts, not MedChart, which are not amenable for gathering such data. However, the medicines for inpatients and aged-care residents of these hospitals is usually dispensed by the local community pharmacy, hence the number of such patients prescribed anti-depressants is captured in the answer provided by TAS.

I trust that this satisfies your interest in this matter.

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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Appendix

Table: Secondary care inpatients prescribed Anti-depressants (Canterbury DHB, 2018)

Age	Total	Female	Male	Unknown Gender
0-4	1	-	1	
5-9	7	3	4	
10-14	38	24	14	
15-19	231	162	69	
20-24	334	249	85	
25-29	348	248	100	
30-34	423	323	100	
35-39	375	263	112	
40-44	379	232	147	
45-49	528	325	203	
50-54	582	365	217	
55-59	681	415	266	
60-64	741	424	317	
65-69	813	464	348	1
70-74	844	513	331	
75-79	931	534	397	
80-84	720	466	254	
85-89	616	391	225	
90-94	282	204	78	
95-99	59	46	13	
100+	6	5	1	
Total	8,939	5,656	3,282	1

Source: MedChart

