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RE Official information request CDHB 10512

I refer to your email dated 16 December 2020, requesting the following information under the Official Information Act from the Canterbury DHB. Specifically:

- 1. The number of ACC claims accepted as a result of assaults on staff members in the SMHS - CDHB in the last five years.**

Within Canterbury DHB, there were a total of 253 accepted ACC claims at Hillmorton relating to work-related injuries following a physical assault since January 2016. Not all of these claims resulted in lost-time.

- 2. The annual cost of these claims.**

Please refer to **Table One** below which shows the total annual cost of these ACC claims per year for the past five years, as well as the number of physical assault-related ACC claims per year for Specialist Mental Health Services.

Table One

Year	Number of work-related injury claims due to Physical Assaults for Canterbury DHB Specialist Mental Health Services	Annual cost of injuries* [includes medical costs and weekly compensation]
2016	65	\$306,353
2017	64	\$505,575
2018	71	\$505,203
2019	32	\$188,870
2020	21	\$76,676

**The annual cost includes all payments made for any active claims relating to physical assaults on staff at Specialist Mental Health Services. Costs are recorded against the year the injury occurred.*

3. The amount of staff leave taken in the last five years as a result of assaults on staff.

Within Canterbury DHB, there were a total of 154 accepted ACC claims at Hillmorton relating to lost-time for work-related injuries following a physical assault since January 2016. Approximately 290 months of staff leave is associated with these ACC claims.

I trust 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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