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RE Official Information Act request CDHB 10264

I refer to your email dated 13 December 2019 to the Ministry of Health which they subsequently partially transferred to us on 3 February 2020, requesting the following information under the Official Information Act from Canterbury DHB. Specifically, regarding addiction services.

1. **Can you please provide a list of the different types of addiction services people can access through the public health system?**
2. **How many rehab and detox beds are currently available through the public health system for people addicted to drugs and alcohol?**

We understand that the Ministry of Health is responding to question 1 and 2 above.

3. **How many people were put on a waitlist to access detox and rehab addiction services each year over the past four years (2016 – 2019)?**
 - a. **Can each year please be broken down into months i.e. the number of people each month put on a waitlist?**
 - b. **Can the waitlisted people please be broken down into category i.e. what service it was that they were wanting to access, and were subsequently waitlisted for?**
 - c. **Can you please categorise these waitlisted people into wait-times i.e. those who had to wait 5 weeks, 6 weeks, 7 weeks and so on?**

We do not operate waitlists for our Community Alcohol and Drug Service, Canterbury Opioid Substitution Service, or Kennedy Detoxification Inpatient Unit. We are therefore unable to provide this information for the past four years.

We can provide you with data which shows the wait time from referral to treatment commencing as an example. We have collated this by week for calendar years 2018 and 2019. So in years 2018 and 2019, 743 people waited less than a week from referral to treatment start. Please refer to **Appendix 1 Table one** (attached).

Please note: The week scale is not linear (i.e. 19,21,22,24) as some weeks there may be no activity. There are numerous reasons why a person may wait weeks to commence treatment.

Table two (below) shows the wait time summary in weeks.

The average and median wait time for the Community Alcohol and Drug Service is 1.48 weeks, Opioid Substitution, 1.12 weeks and Kennedy Detoxification inpatient is 3.16 weeks.

Table two:

Wait Times Summary (weeks)			
	Average wait	Median wait	Total Referrals
Community AOD service	1.48	1	667
Opioid Substitution Team	1.12	0	291
Detox Inpatient	3.16	2	725

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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