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RE Official information request CDHB 10522

I refer to your email dated 11 January 2021, requesting the following information under the Official Information Act from Canterbury DHB. I note your clarification of date range 1 November 2020 – 13 January 2021. Specifically:

1. Number of people coming to ED per day - since Christmas

Please refer to **Fig 1** in **Appendix 1** (attached)

Fig 1. - Christchurch Hospital Emergency Department Presentations since January 2020

2. Has the increase of 30-40 people a day in the six weeks to Christmas continued/reduced/grown?

Yes, the increase of 30-40 people a day has continued. The increase has been most apparent in the lower triage categories, please refer to **Fig 2.** Triage 4 and 5 in the graph attached in **Appendix 1.**

3. I would also like a breakdown of the daily presentation numbers by:

- severity of presentation
- length of time waiting to be seen
- urgency of cases
- types of presentations
- proportion of mental health cases

Triage standards dictate times between 1 and 120 minutes depending on category. On average across all categories patients are waiting 40-50 minutes to be seen. Please note that individual patients can wait longer depending on their triage, especially in lower triage categories. Over the relevant time period the average waiting time has slightly reduced.

Please refer to **Fig 3.** in **Appendix 1**

Mental Health presentations, while variable, are consistent over the period. Please refer to **Fig 4** in **Appendix 1**

There has been a slight increase in Orthopaedic presentations over the period, around 3 per day. Please refer to **Fig 5.** in **Appendix 1**

The increase in patients by reason for presentation shows no increase in any particular category, there are numerous presentation reasons that at this level of analysis any increases are not apparent. Please refer to **Fig 6.** in **Appendix 1.**

There has been an increase in the number of walk-in's, these are patients who arrive at ED (i.e. not by ambulance, helicopter or police). Please refer to **Fig 7.** in **Appendix 1.**

I also attach as **Appendix 2** a data table of Christchurch Hospital Emergency Department Presentations for 1 Nov 2020 - 13 Jan 2021.

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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Fig 1.

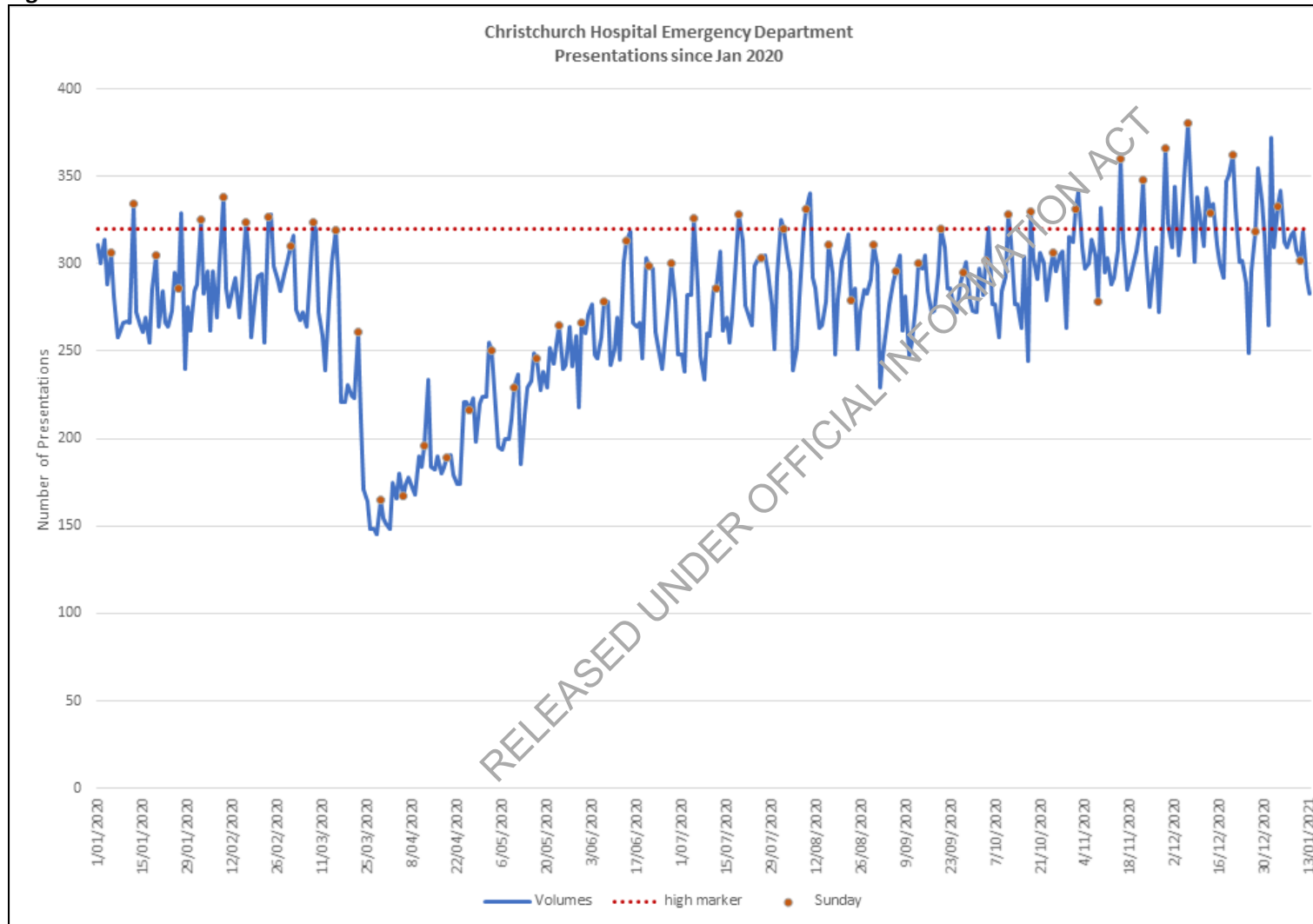


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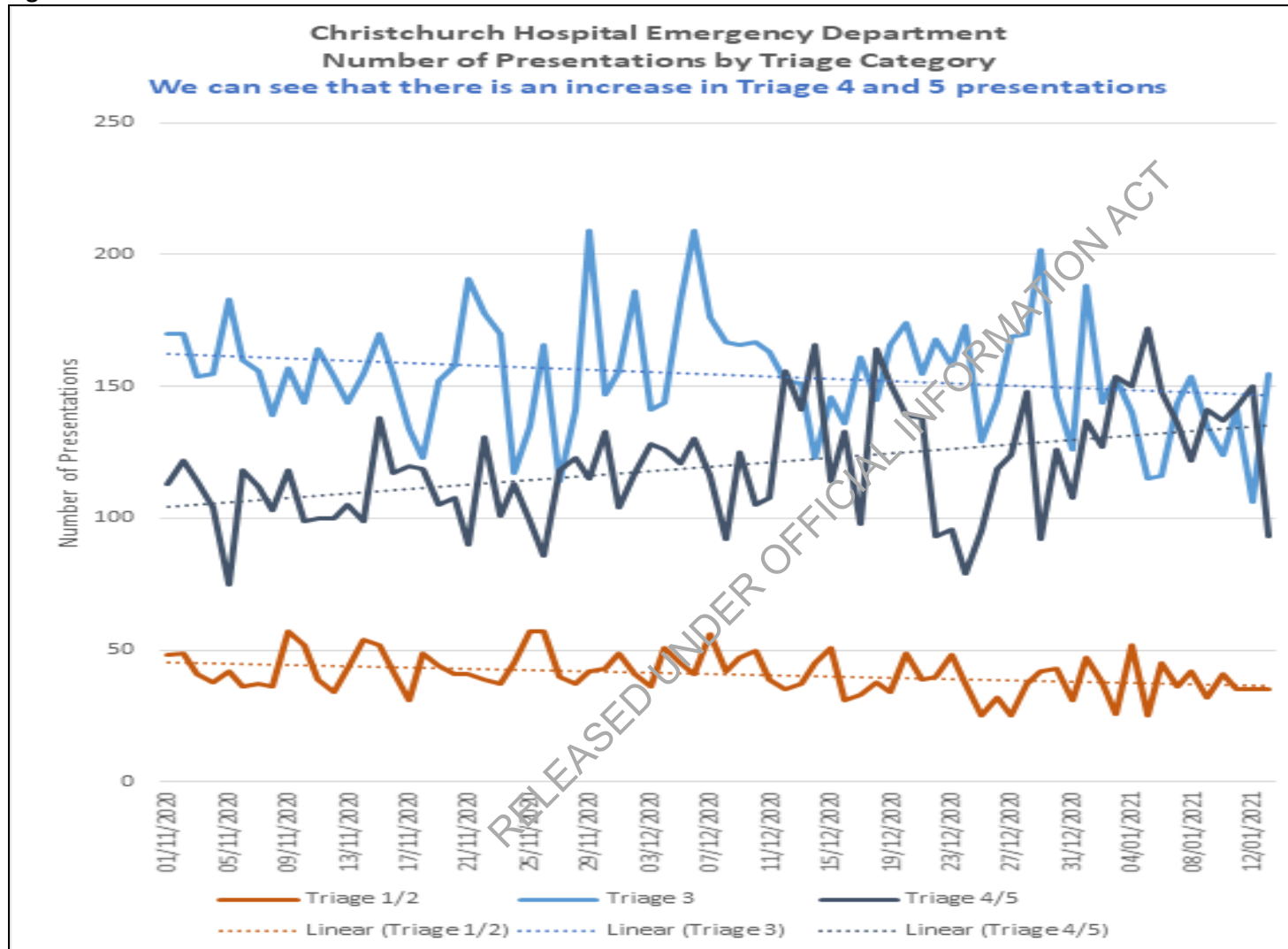


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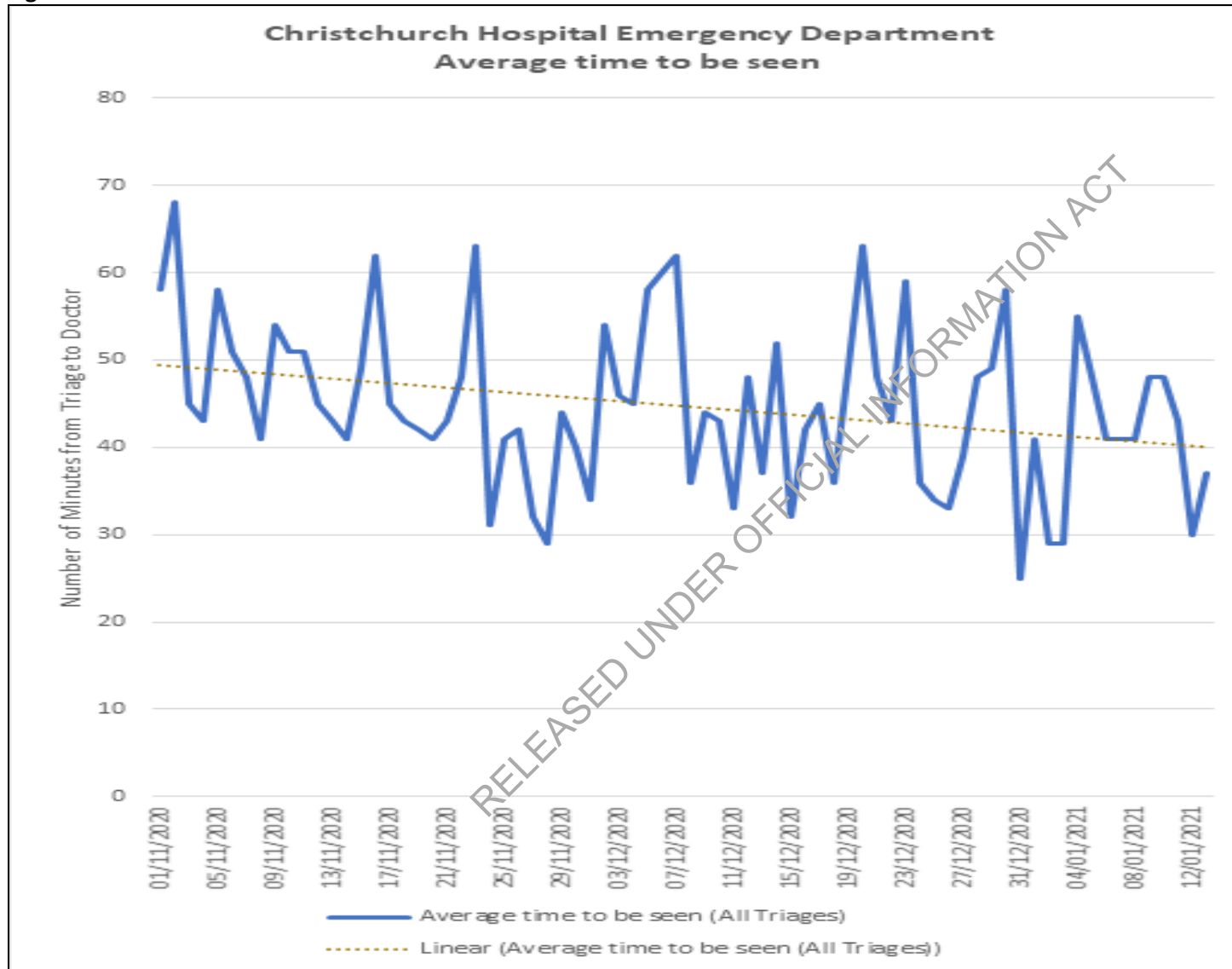


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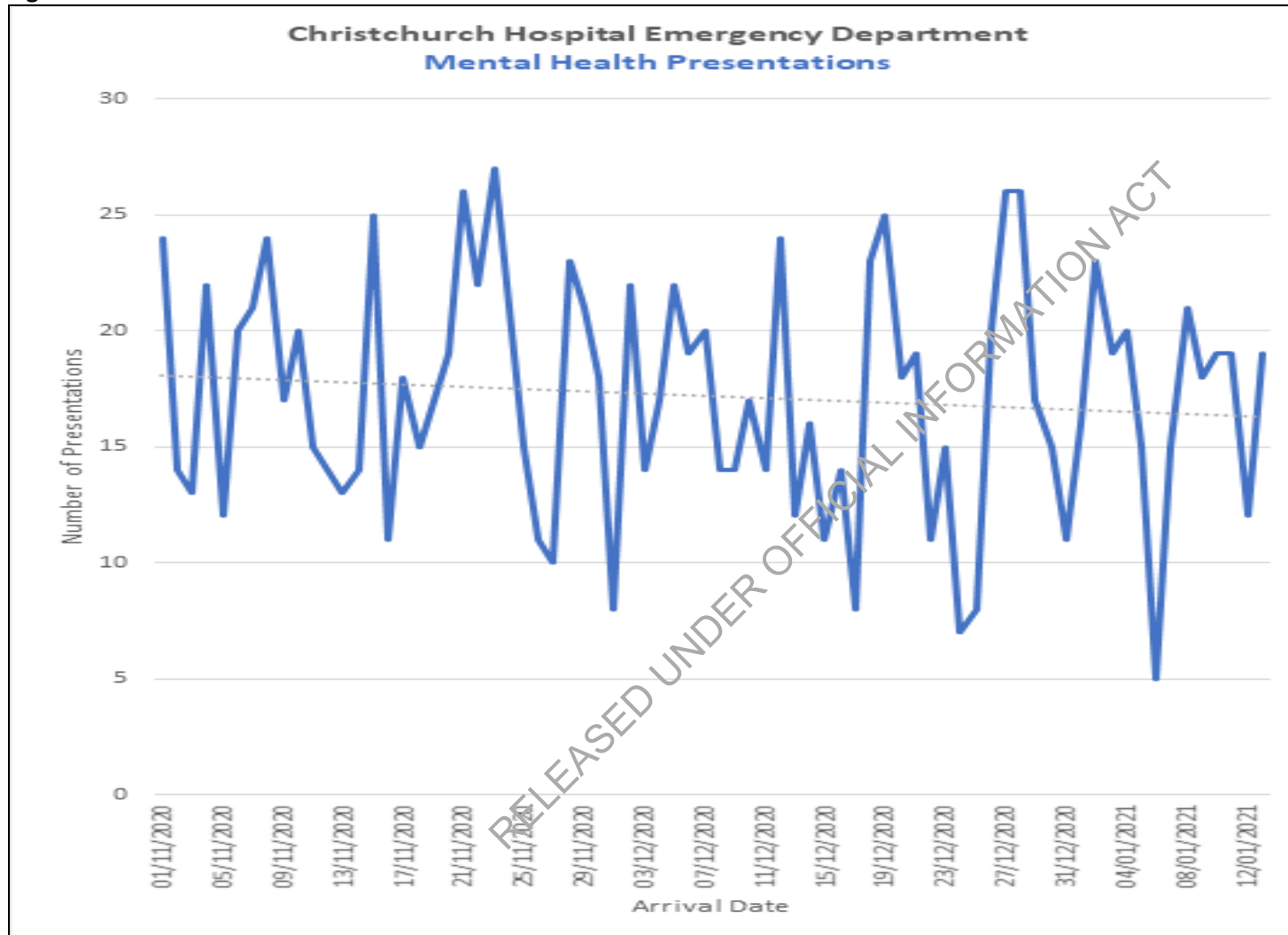


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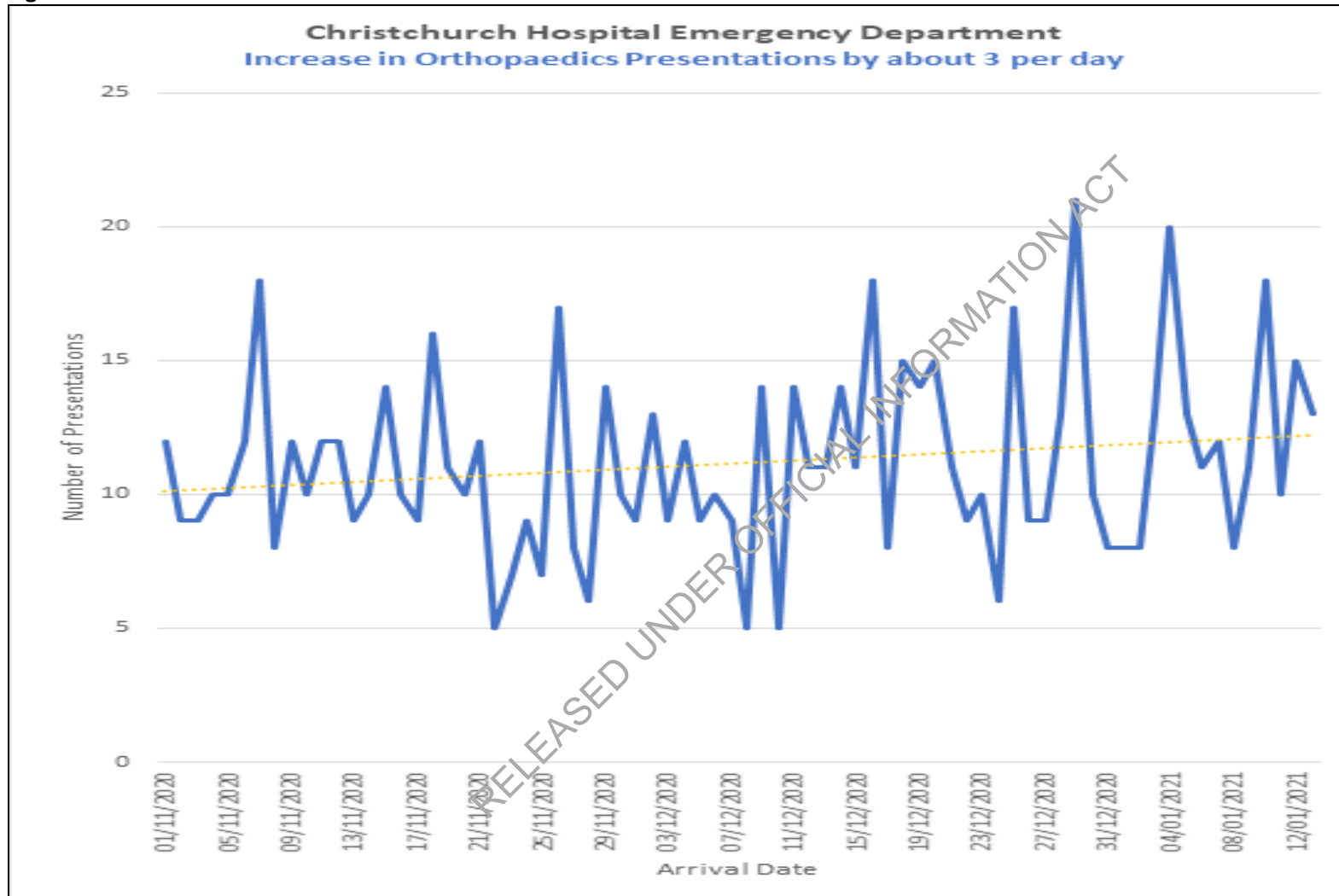


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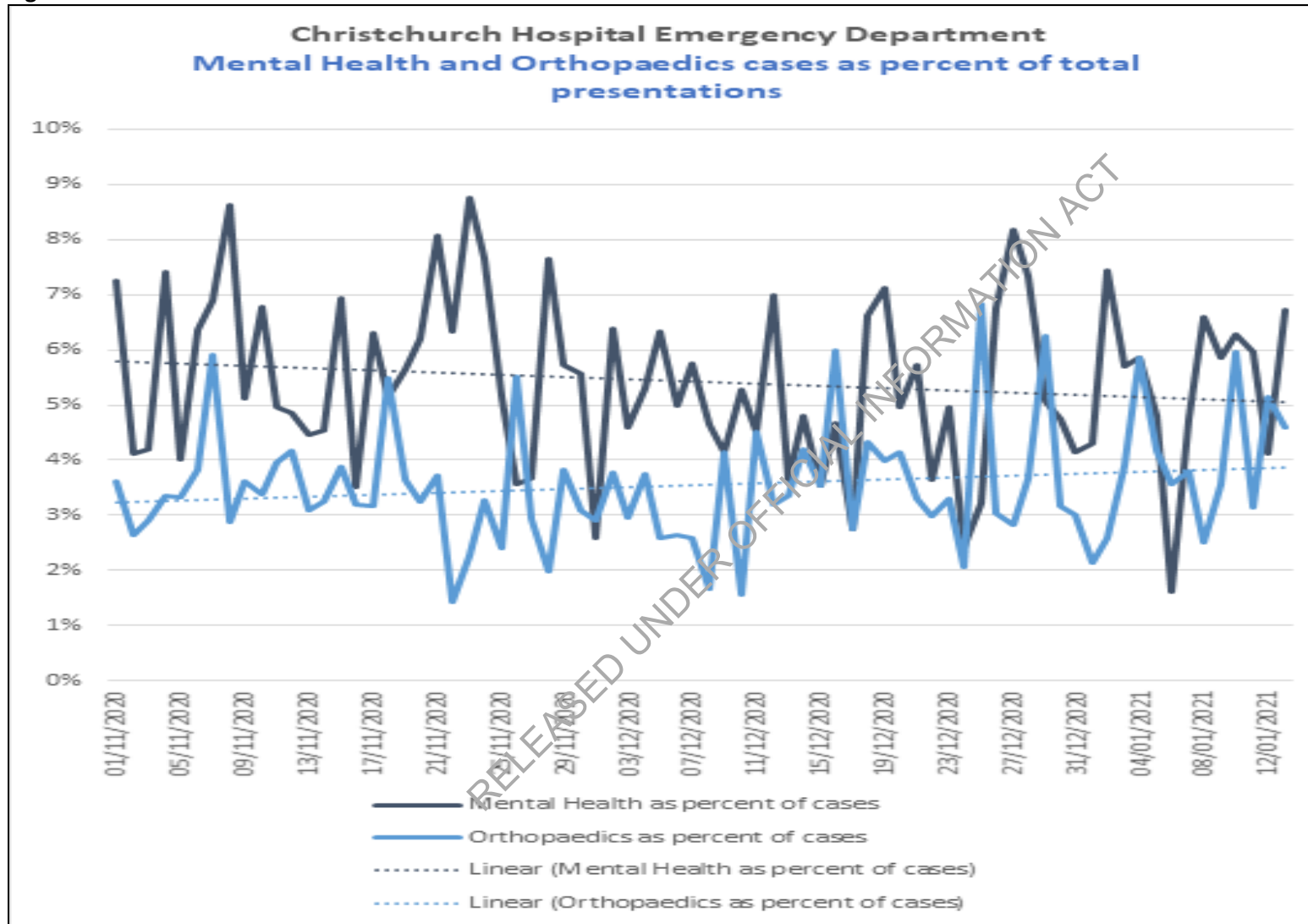
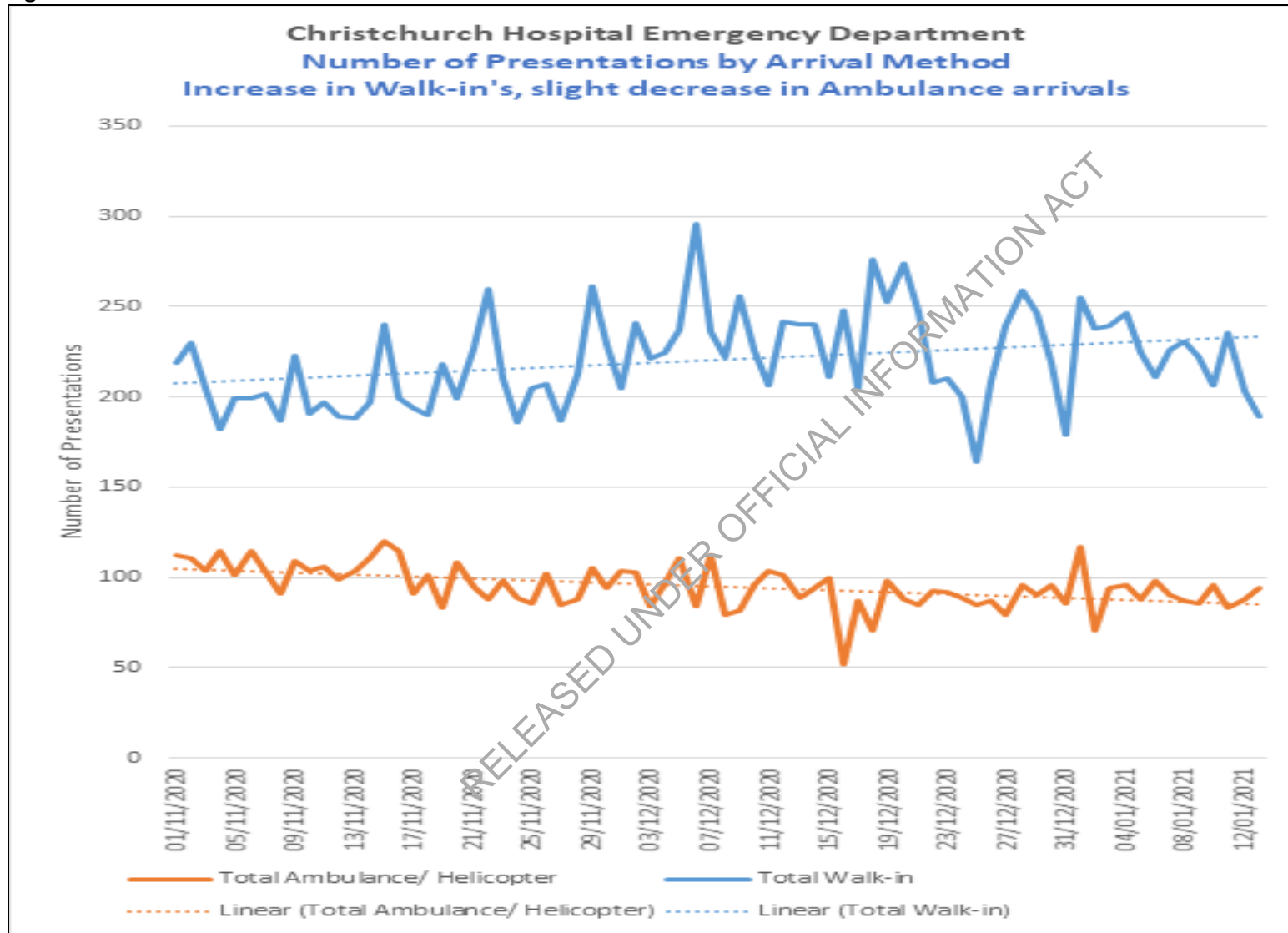


Fig 7.



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