26/01/2021

By way of email only:	

Dear

Official Information Act request to Waikato DHB

Further to your letter dated 7 December 2020 made under the Official Information Act 1982.

Specifically, you requested:

- Date/numbers/figures of all incidents involving any DHB staff member (including contractors or causal workers) being harassed or, physically or verbally assaulted by a patient from any ward/area under the DHB's jurisdiction in the last three years to date (07/12/2017 – 07/12/2020).

2017	
Dec	15
2018	
Jan	22
Feb	15
Mar	12
Apr	30
May	53
Jun	61
Jul	45
Aug	62
Sep	37
Oct	33
Nov	48
Dec	57
2019	
Jan	89
Feb	34
Mar	45

Apr	27
May	51
Jun	67
Jul	65
Aug	80
Sep	30
Oct	74
Nov	39
Dec	43
2020	
Jan	38
Feb	38
Mar	51
Apr	44
May	38
Jun	67
Jul	66
Aug	49
Sep	52
Oct	62
Nov	54
Dec	16
Grand Total	1709

This table represents the number of instances lodged into Datix for the period 7/12/2017 – 07/12/2020. Datix is the electronic incident management reporting system used at Waikato DHB. Staff members are encouraged to self- report instances into Datix.

Waikato DHB supports the open disclosure of information to assist community understanding of how we are delivering publically funded healthcare. This includes the proactive publication of anonymised Official Information Act responses on our website from 10 working days after they have been released.

I trust this answers your query.

Yours sincerely

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