

9 November 2022

Dear [REDACTED]

Your Official Information Act Request – HNZ00005208

Thank you for your email of 6 October 2022 forwarded to me by our Communications Team asking for the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

Request

1. **How many childrens' (12 and under) teeth were extracted between September 2021 and September 2022 by hospital and community services?**

No of teeth extracted (12 and under)	Sep 2021 to Sep 2022
Hospital *	409
Community services	2085

*Note: Hospital numbers indicate only the number of patients treated, not the number of teeth extracted due to the way the data is captured.

2. **What is the total number of children that had teeth extracted during this time?**

No of Children had teeth extracted (12 and under)	Sep 2021 to Sep 2022
Hospital	409
Community services	1596

3. **How many extractions were performed under general anaesthetic?**

No of Children had teeth extracted (12 and under)	Sep 2021 to Sep 2022
Hospital extractions under General anaesthetic	409

Note: Hospital numbers indicate only the number of patients treated, not the number of teeth extracted due to the way the data is captured.

4. **What was the most common reason for these teeth extractions?** Dental Caries (also known as tooth decay or dental cavities) .

5. **How many adults' teeth were extracted (12 and up) by hospital services between September 2021 and September 2022?**

A total of 256 patients (age 13 or above) have had teeth extracted from Sep 2021 to Sep 2022 period. Note: all these patients have had an inpatient admission.

If you have any questions, you can contact us at hnzOIA@health.govt.nz

If you are not happy with this response, you have the right to make a complaint to the Ombudsman. Information about how to do this is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or by phoning 0800 802 602.

As this information may be of interest to other members of the public, Te Whatu Ora may proactively release a copy of this response on their website. All requester data, including your name and contact details, will be removed prior to release.

Nāku iti noa, nā



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