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OIA REQUEST

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Subject: Crohn's Disease

In response to your request under the Official Information Act, please find our response below:

Request
I would be grateful if you could provide the following information:

Total number of patients with Crohn's disease of ulcerative colitis to receive biologic treatments (infliximab, adalumimab) between 2016 and 2020 inclusive who were:

1. White New Zealander;
2. Maori;
3. Asian (Ideally separated into South Asian and East Asian);
5. Pacific Islanders;

by each ethnicity separately.

Response

Pursuant to clause 18(f) of the Official Information Act the BOPDHB is declining release of this information on the grounds that to provide the information would require substantial collation or research.

Explanatory note:

The electronic systems used don't capture this level of data.

- Some infusions are less than 3 hours in duration and are captured only as an 'Outpatient Attendance'.
- Records are not coded with medication administration so of those who are admitted BOPDHB is unable to establish if they are there for an infusion or a investigation.
- Reasons for infusions are multiple – even if we could pull everyone who received infliximab they may be receiving immuno suppression of an entirely different condition than Crohns.

Bay of Plenty DHB supports the open disclosure of information to assist the public understanding of how we are delivering publicly funded healthcare. This includes the proactive publication of anonymised Official Information Act responses on our website. Please note this response may be published on our website.

You have the right to request the Ombudsman investigate and review the decision to withhold information. The Ombudsman's postal address is:

The Ombudsman
Office of the Ombudsmen
P O Box 10-152
WELLINGTON

Yours sincerely

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