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OIA REQUEST

Received: 13 September 2021
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Subject: Waitlists – Mental Health

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

Request

I am working on a story about mental health waitlists and would appreciate if you could respond to the following questions as soon as possible.

- 1. How many people are on the waitlist for inpatient youth mental health services?**
BOPDHB does not have inpatient youth mental health services. Pursuant to clause 18(e) of the Official Information Act the BOPDHB cannot provide this information on the grounds that the information does not exist.
- 2. How many people are on the waitlist for outpatient youth mental health services?**
This data is not able to be accurately provided by the electronic patient management system which does not enable reports on this information. A review of cases would be required and this work is prohibitive due to the time required. 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.
- 3. How many people are on the waitlist for inpatient adult mental health services?**
BOPDHB does not have a waitlist for the adult mental health inpatient units. Pursuant to clause 18(e) of the Official Information Act the BOPDHB cannot provide this information on the grounds that the information does not exist.
- 4. How many people are on the waitlist for outpatient adult mental health services?**
This data is not able to be accurately provided by the electronic patient management system which does not enable reports on this information. A review of cases would be required and this work is prohibitive due to the time required. 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.
- 5. How many people have died of suicide, or are believed to have died of suicide, in the last 10 years while on the waitlist for inpatient youth mental health services?**
N/A – BOPDHB does not have a youth inpatient unit. Pursuant to clause 18(e) of the Official Information Act the BOPDHB cannot provide this information on the grounds that the information does not exist.
- 6. How many people have died of suicide, or are believed to have died of suicide, in the last 10 years while on the waitlist for outpatient youth mental health services?**
As above, BOPDHB does not operate official waitlists, this information would require a manual file review which is prohibitive due to the time required. 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.



7. How many people have died of suicide, or are believed to have died of suicide, in the last 10 years while on the waitlist for inpatient adult mental health services?

BOPDHB has not had a waitlist for the adult mental health inpatient units so there have not been any. Pursuant to clause 18(e) of the Official Information Act the BOPDHB cannot provide this information on the grounds that the information does not exist.

8. How many people have died of suicide, or are believed to have died of suicide, in the last 10 years while on the waitlist for outpatient adult mental health services?

As above, BOPDHB does not operate official waitlists, this information would require a manual file review which is prohibitive due to the time required. 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.

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You have the right to request the Ombudsman investigate and review our response. www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely

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