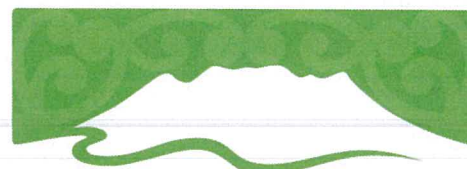


15 February 2021

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**WHANGANUI**  
DISTRICT HEALTH BOARD  
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**Via email:** Ashleighmccaull@tv3.co.nz

Dear Ashleigh

**Official Information Act Request – OIA 13317 MDMA Related Admissions**

On 14 January 2021, under section 12 of the Official Information Act, you requested the following information from Whanganui District Health Board (WDHB):

I am requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 regarding patients being admitted into Whanganui District Health Board for MDMA related use.

1. Please provide a monthly breakdown of the number of people treated at Whanganui District Health Board from 2016 to 2021 to date (including through the COVID-19 period) for MDMA related admissions. Can you please break it down by age groups of those treated and ethnicity.
2. Please provide a monthly breakdown of the number of people admitted to Whanganui District Health Board from 2016 to 2021 to date (including through the COVID-19 period) for MDMA related harm. Eg for those who have injured themselves with MDMA in their system. Can you please break it down by age groups of those admitted and ethnicity.
3. Please provide a monthly breakdown of patients admitted to Whanganui District Health Board from 2016 to 2021 to date (Including through the COVID-19 period) for consuming substances disguised as MDMA e.g. Synthetic Cathinones.
4. Please provide a monthly breakdown of the number of people who have died from MDMA related harm at Whanganui District Health Board from 2016 to 2021 to date (including through the COVID-19 period).
5. Please provide a monthly breakdown of the cost for each person who was treated at Whanganui District Health Board from 2016 to 2021 to date (including through the COVID-19 period) for MDMA use.

**Whanganui District Health Boards response:**

- 1. Please provide a monthly breakdown of the number of people treated at Whanganui District Health Board from 2016 to 2021 to date (including through the COVID-19 period) for MDMA related admissions. Can you please break it down by age groups of those treated and ethnicity.**

Note: Sufficiently detailed diagnostic information to answer your question, is only available within inpatient hospital settings, so data excludes outpatient attendances. Inpatient events are directly linked to MDMA use and coded as such.

Chief Executive | Phone 06 348 3140 | Fax 06 345 9390

Year	Age Band	Ethnicity	Cost	Volume
2018	20-25 yrs	Maori	1611.07	1
2018	35-39 yrs	NZ European	2653.21	1
2019	25-29 yrs	NZ European	1254.19	1
2019	35-39 yrs	Maori	1537.25	1
2019	50-54 yrs	NZ European	10986.70	1
2020	15-19 yrs	European NFD	1367.38	1
2020	15-19 yrs	NZ European	20884.41	1
2020	20-24 yrs	Maori	44560.39	2
2020	20-24 yrs	NZ European	26075.42	1
2021	15-19 yrs	Maori	1371.94	1

- 2. Please provide a monthly breakdown of the number of people admitted to Whanganui District Health Board from 2016 to 2021 to date (including through the COVID-19 period) for MDMA related harm. Eg for those who have injured themselves with MDMA in their system. Can you please break it down by age groups of those admitted and ethnicity.**

Only one event is direct harm related (overdose) however all events above are arguably admissions due to MDMA use, directly or indirectly.

Year	Age Band	Ethnicity	Cost	Volume
2019	35-39 yrs	Maori	1537.25	1

- 3. Please provide a monthly breakdown of patients admitted to Whanganui District Health Board from 2016 to 2021 to date (Including through the COVID-19 period) for consuming substances disguised as MDMA e.g. Synthetic Cathinones.**

No events found.

- 4. Please provide a monthly breakdown of the number of people who have died from MDMA related harm at Whanganui District Health Board from 2016 to 2021 to date (including through the COVID-19 period).**

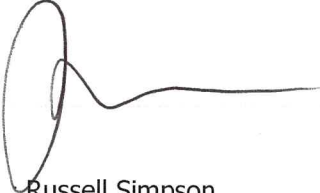
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- 5. Please provide a monthly breakdown of the cost for each person who was treated at Whanganui District Health Board from 2016 to 2021 to date (including through the COVID-19 period) for MDMA use.**

As per question 1 above

Should you have any further queries about the above information, please contact our OIA  
co-ordinator Anne Phoenix at [anne.phoenix@wdhb.org.nz](mailto:anne.phoenix@wdhb.org.nz)

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized loop on the left that extends into a long, horizontal line to the right.

Russell Simpson  
**Chief Executive**