

4 May 2022

Cassandra Saunders

By email: fyi-request-19113-d347c129@requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear Cassandra

Official Information Act Request: COVID-19 Additional Data Request

On 11 April 2022 you sent a request for information under the Official Information Act 1982 to the Ministry of Health, who transferred your request to ESR on 19 April 2022. The request transferred to ESR was as follows:

I would like to know how many cases of Meningitis (any variant), were diagnosed in the past 3 years and if possible, a breakdown by DHB, and by year.

I would also like to know how many deaths were attributed per year, for the last 3 years to meningitis.

Our response to your request:

I would like to know how many cases of Meningitis (any variant), were diagnosed in the past 3 years and if possible, a breakdown by DHB, and by year.

The total number of Meningococcal disease notifications recorded in EpiSurv¹ in the past 3 years broken down by District Health Board is identified in the following table:

District Health Board	2019	2020	2021
Northland	9	1	3
Waitemata	23	4	4
Auckland	12	4	
Counties Manukau	23	4	5
Waikato	10	4	3
Lakes	3	3	2
Bay of Plenty	11	2	2
Tairāwhiti	2		
Taranaki	1	1	
Hawke's Bay	2	1	3
Whanganui	3		1
Mid Central	5	1	
Hutt Valley	3	2	1
Capital and Coast	12	1	1
Wairarapa	2		
Nelson Marlborough	1		3
West Coast		1	1
Canterbury	11	6	7
South Canterbury			1
Southern	6		7
Total	139	35	44

¹ EpiSurv collates notifiable disease information on a real-time basis from the Public Health Services in New Zealand.

I would also like to know how many deaths were attributed per year, for the last 3 years to meningitis.

The total number of Meningococcal disease deaths recorded in Episurv in the past 3 years is identified in the following table:

District Health Board	2019	2020	2021
Number of deaths	10	3	3

Your right to seek a review

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Thank you for your request.

Yours sincerely



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