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Health New Zealand
Te Whatu Ora

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Tēnā koe Valentino,

Your request for official information, reference: HNZ00075247

Thank you for your email on 12 December 2024, asking Health New Zealand | Te Whatu Ora for the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

Please provide data for the number of hospital procedures on an annual basis split by private & public hospitals for the last 5 years. If possible please break this down further by major specialty type (General surgery, neurology, respiratory, etc.). Additionally, if it is possible to break this down the number of procedures by day surgery vs comprehensive it would be useful.

Ideally if this can be provided nationally and then also the data for the Auckland PHO.

Response

Hospital discharge data for public and private hospitals is publicly available online in an interactive web tool: <https://www.tewhatoru.govt.nz/for-health-professionals/data-and-statistics/hospital-event/web-tool>

It includes the last 5 years of data and breaks down procedure numbers by procedure block codes (or chapters).

The National Minimum Dataset, which is the ultimate source of this information, does not record information on Primary Health Organisation (PHO) enrolment. To provide this data for patients registered in a given PHO is a complex technical task that would require linking of multiple databases.

This would effectively mean that we would have to create new information to respond to your request, for which there is no obligation under the Act. Accordingly, the last part of your request is refused under section 18(g) of the Act, that the information is not held by Health NZ nor another agency subject to the Act.

How to get in touch

If you have any questions, you can contact us at hnzOIA@tewhatoru.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.

Nāku iti noa, nā



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