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Ref: H20160899

Dear Mr Kasey McDonnell

Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your request of 29 May 2016 under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) for a summary of Mental Health services provided to young people under the age of 25 by the Government in order to treat and service mental health issues and statistical data on the number of under 25 year olds that have used these services each year for the past 10 years.

Due to the broad nature of your request and with your agreement, your request was refined to the following.

1. Specialist Mental Health services data for the past 10 year period (per year) of people 0 – 25 years accessing and using these services.
2. A summary of Specialist Mental health services provided to young people under the age of 25 by the Government
3. A brief description of the Prime Minister's Youth Mental Health Project (YMHP) initiatives with a focus on 12 – 19 years, excluding data on client numbers.

The information relating to your requests are itemised below and an Appendix attached.

Some of the information you request is already in the public domain and can be accessed through the Ministry of Health website www.health.govt.nz. Links to the specific information in request number two and three is attached for your convenience.

<http://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/mental-health-and-addictions/youth-mental-health-project/youth-mental-health-project-initiatives>

<https://nsfl.health.govt.nz/service-specifications/current-service-specifications/mental-health-services-specifications/infant>

<https://nsfl.health.govt.nz/service-specifications/current-service-specifications/mental-health-services-specifications/adult>

Request	Response
<p>1. Specialist Mental Health services data for the past 10 year period (per year) of people 0 – 25 years accessing and using these services.</p>	<p>Data for the past 10 year period (per year) of people 0 – 25 years accessing and using Specialist Mental Health services is attached as an Appendix.</p> <p>The increase in rates over the ten year period can be attributed to a number of factors, including ongoing demand, improved reporting by non-government organisations, the increase in mental health funding for the provision of services to meet the demand, the increase in workforce and the improvement in models of care to reduce wait times and responsiveness. Population growth over the ten year period is also a major factor and more-so for some groups with a younger population structure e.g Māori.</p>
<p>2. A summary of Specialist Mental health services provided to young people under the age of 25 by the Government</p>	<p>Under Section 18 of the Official Information Act 1982 your request is declined because the information is publicly available.</p>
<p>3. A brief description of the Prime Minister's Youth Mental Health Project (YMHP) initiatives with a focus on 12 – 19 years, excluding data on client numbers</p>	<p>Under Section 18 of the Official Information Act 1982 your request is declined because the information is publicly available.</p>

I trust this information fulfils your request. You have the right, under section 28 of the Act, to ask the Ombudsman to review my decision to withhold information under this request.

Yours sincerely



Jill Lane
 Director
 Service Commissioning

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Appendix 1.

Access Number from 2006 to 2015

Clients age:0-24 years old

Distin. Clients seen (<>T35); Age 0-24 years

2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
30460	33042	35385	39514	44760	51894	55343	57241	59687	61838