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Dear Karen

Subject: Official Information Act request Re: security cameras in mental health units

Thank you for your request for information under the Official Information Act received by Lakes DHB on 7 July 2017. You have asked:

I am currently researching best practice in regards to security at adult mental health inpatient units across the country. Particularly looking at the use of security cameras within mental health inpatient units. To assist with this I would like to request:

1. *Does "Te Whare Oranga Tangata o Whakaue" mental health inpatient unit currently have security cameras operating within the hospital area?
I am defining hospital area as including: the reception area, entrance and exit points, main patient leisure areas, occupational therapy spaces, seclusion rooms, patient corridors, intensive care or high dependency areas, private/patient outside garden spaces.
This excludes any cameras operating outside of the inpatient unit treatment areas such as car parks, public hospital grounds.*
 - a. There are nine (9) cameras currently operating within the Mental Health Unit
2. *If the inpatient unit does have cameras operating may you please provide the following information:*
 - 2.a) *When were the cameras installed?*
 - The cameras vary in age from 10 years to 6 months
 - 2.b) *Where are the cameras are located?*
 - The cameras are located as follows
 - Inpatient corridors (2)
 - Inpatient garden (1)
 - Admission lounge (1)
 - Main Ward (1)
 - Intensive care Patients (1)
 - Entrance to MH administration area (1)
 - Entrance to Inpatient admission area (1)
 - Inpatient unit area (1)

- 2.c) *How many cameras are operating?*
 - There are 9 cameras operating
- 2.d) *“Seclusion, Restraint, and Assault” reporting data for one year prior to the installation of any security cameras. For example, if cameras were installed June 2010, I request Seclusion, Restraint and Assault reporting data for the period from June 2009 – June 2010.*
- 2.e) *“Seclusion, Restraint, and Assault” reporting data for one year after the installation of any security cameras. For example, if cameras were installed June 2010, I request Seclusion, Restraint and Assault reporting data for the period from June 2010 – June 2011.*
- 2.d & e *“Seclusion, Restraint, and Assault” reporting data*
 - We are unable to provide any data on incidents prior to the installation of cameras
 - Lakes DHB implemented a new incident reporting system in the past year and accessing the old system will require further time and cost. If you would like to be quoted for a cost estimate please advise.
 - Lakes DHB follows the Privacy Commissioner Privacy and CCTV guidelines

Yours sincerely



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