

12 June 2018

Kate Aschoff

By email to: fyi-request-7754-2a6e0a8f@requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear Kate

Re Official Information Request - Suicide in mental health respite

I refer to your official information request dated 10 May 2018 and transferred to us by the Ministry of Health for information about suicide in mental health respites.

We have responded to each of your questions below. This information is the best that is available from our information management system and only relates to services that Auckland DHB provides or funds.

To provide context, "home-family respites" is not a service provided by our mental health services. Auckland DHB funds community mental health respite facilities and this information relates to what has been reported from those facilities.

A) In the past 3-8 years how many suicides have occurred in facility based/home-family respites in Aotearoa? If the time period is too much of a stretch I'm happy to also accept any/all information from the last 2-5 years.

Nil (from 1 January 2015 to 18 May 2018 inclusive).

B) In the past 2-5 years how many unsuccessful suicide attempts have occurred in facility based/home-family respites in Aotearoa?

Nil (from 1 January 2015 to 18 May 2018 inclusive).

I trust this information answers your questions.

You are entitled to seek a review of the response by the Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours faithfully



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Chief Executive