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Dear Ti Lamusse

### **Response to your request for official information**

Thank you for your request for information on 1 April 2019 under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) for:

*“The current waiting time for publicly-funded clinical psychological treatment, broken down by DHB.*

*The current waiting time for publicly funded in-patient mental health and drug treatment programmes, broken down by year.*

*The current operating capacity of all publicly-funded in-patient mental health and drug treatment programmes, broken down by year.”*

The Ministry of Health (the Ministry) does not hold information on waiting times for psychological therapy or in-patient alcohol and other drug (AOD) services. Therefore, this part of your request is refused under section 18(g) of the Act, as the information is not held by the Ministry.

However, the Ministry holds information on waiting times for new clients entering the mental health and addiction system (PP8). This is available on the Nationwide Service Framework Library (NSFL) website at the following link: <https://nsfl.health.govt.nz/accountability/performance-and-monitoring>. From this link, navigate to ‘Data for reporting,’ then access ‘Mental Health, Alcohol and Drug Addiction’.

The Ministry also holds information on the operating capacity of all publicly-funded, in-patient mental health and drug treatment programmes. We sought clarification from you on 3 April 2019, advising that we were only able to provide this data from 2013 onwards. On 5 April 2019, you confirmed this met your request.

Please find enclosed information in response to your third question. Please note, this response (with your personal details removed) may be published on the Ministry of Health website.

I trust that this information fulfils your request.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'RS', with a small flourish at the end.

Robyn Shearer  
**Deputy Director-General**  
**Mental Health and Addiction**

**Mental health inpatient beds, forensic beds, AOD beds, FTE 2013/14 to 2017/18**

Service	Number of volumes contracted by financial year				
	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
Adult Inpatient Beds	885.6	880.5	867.0	930.1	921.8
Forensic Beds	263.5	265.9	275.1	290.5	286.4
Alcohol and addiction beds	460.8	477.2	479.6	482.4	470.8
Alcohol and addiction FTEs	908.1	930.5	909.1	959.4	920.2