

22 July 2022

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Via email: ██████████

Dear ██████████

## **Official Information Act request – Cerebrovascular admissions and mortality data– Our ref: 20220704-1259**

I refer to your Official Information Act request dated 30 June 2022, requesting the following information:

- **On a month my month basis the total number of cerebrovascular admissions from 1 Jan 2017 through to 30 Jun 2022**
- **On a month by month basis the total number of cerebrovascular related deaths from 1 Jan 2018 through to 30 Jun 2022**

### **Response**

We have decided to partially refuse your request for admission data. Admission data would not present an accurate dataset and to verify it we would need to examine individual patient files to cross-reference admissions data with discharge data. We are refusing this part of your request because of the sensitivity of the files. This is because frontline clinical staff would need to review individual clinical files over the course of four and a half years requested and it would not be appropriate to use a contractor to review the records. This would take the frontline staff away from their clinical work and prejudice our ability to provide core clinical services.

We have considered whether changing or extending the timeframe for responding to this aspect of your request would assist us in managing this work and have concluded it would not. We have, therefore, determined to refuse this element of your request under Section 18(f) of the Official Information Act due to substantial collation and research.

In the place of admissions data, we have decided to supply discharge data. This is because patient events are coded once the patient is discharged from hospital and some patients may stay several weeks in the hospital meaning that not all patients admitted recently will have been discharged. We have not included June data as coding has not been completed for all June discharges.

The column of deceased discharges is patients who died during their stay in a Te Toka Tumai Auckland hospital and had a cerebrovascular diagnosis. We are not able to report on the specific cause of death or deaths outside of our hospitals as this information is not held by Te Toka Tumai Auckland.

## Te Whatu Ora

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Discharge YYYYMM	Count of discharges	Deceased discharges
201701	104	
201702	121	
201703	140	
201704	128	
201705	128	
201706	117	
201707	149	
201708	145	
201709	160	
201710	135	
201711	136	
201712	136	
201801	133	17
201802	110	8
201803	138	18
201804	134	11
201805	122	11
201806	141	14
201807	115	18
201808	145	19
201809	148	14
201810	154	14
201811	143	18
201812	137	19
201901	133	18
201902	113	8
201903	131	17
201904	140	10
201905	142	10
201906	122	8
201907	150	19
201908	151	17
201909	143	11
201910	153	14
201911	133	12
201912	132	14
202001	126	12
202002	105	11
202003	119	12
202004	108	9
202005	119	10
202006	147	9
202007	147	11
202008	134	15
202009	146	14
202010	161	17

202011	130	12
202012	147	12
202101	139	14
202102	121	9
202103	142	11
202104	143	8
202105	150	20
202106	153	10
202107	177	16
202108	154	15
202109	132	16
202110	135	11
202111	132	16
202112	112	5
202201	133	<5
202202	133	11
202203	145	11
202204	152	16
202205	135	8

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We have withheld the number of patients who died in January 2022 and in its place indicated it was less than five. This partial refusal is done citing s9 2 (a) Official Information Act, to protect privacy.

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](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that this response, or an edited version of this response, may be published on the Auckland DHB website.

Yours sincerely,



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Interim District Director

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