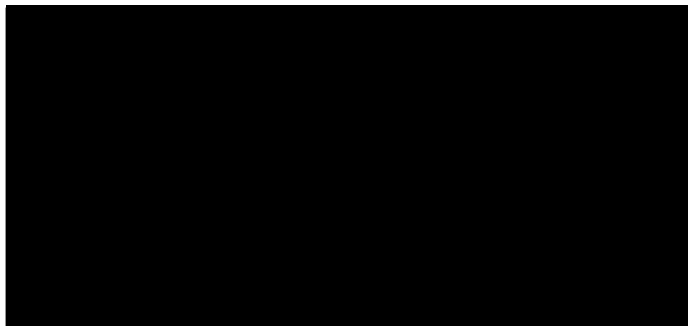


30 July 2019



**Re: Official Information Act request – Mental health services for youth**

I refer to your Official Information Act request dated 17 July 2019 requesting the following information:

**The number of people under the age of 18 that have been admitted to Auckland City Hospital/Starship Hospital in the last 12 months for a mental illness related reason.**

In the previous 12 months (1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019) there have been no young people under the age of 18 years admitted to adult mental health inpatient services. All inpatient admissions of young people under the age of 18 years have been to the Child and Family Unit at Starship Hospital, or else to the Starship Hospital eating disorder programme.

In the table below please find a count of the number of distinct individuals admitted as well as the number of admissions. Please note that some individuals have had more than one admission during this year.

*Number of individuals admitted and number of admissions of young people (under 18 years) from 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019:*

	Individuals Admitted	Actual Admissions
Child and Family Unit*	263	341
Starship Eating Disorders Admissions**	55	112
Combined	318	453

- \* *The Child and Family Unit admits young people from the top half of the North Island, and occasionally from elsewhere in New Zealand*
- \*\* *Starship eating disorders admissions come from the Auckland metro DHBs (Waitemata, Auckland, and Counties Manukau DHBs)*

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](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 faithfully



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**Chief Executive**