

9 May 2022

Dear [REDACTED]

Re: Official Information Act

I am responding on behalf of Taranaki District Health Board (DHB) to your OIA request of 6 April 2022. You have requested the following information:

- *The number of assaults on staff for years 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 (to current date).*

Please see *Table 1* below.

- *Could I please have this broken down into minor, moderate, and serious assaults.*

Please see *Table 2* below.

- *Could I please have this broken down into physical and sexual assaults.*

- *For the assaults deemed moderate and serious, could I please have further details about what role the staff member holds (e.g. nurse, orderly etc), their gender, where they work, if the assault involved a weapon (please specify what the weapon was), what injuries were sustained, and what action was taken as a result (e.g. charges laid, etc).*

Please see *Table 3* below.

Could I also please have a copy of any reports or documents relating to assaults and violence towards staff published in 2020 or 2021.

Taranaki DHB does not have any reports or documents relating to assaults and violence towards staff published in 2020 or 2021.

I trust the above information answers your OIA request.

Kind regards



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Chief Operating Officer (acting)

Table 1

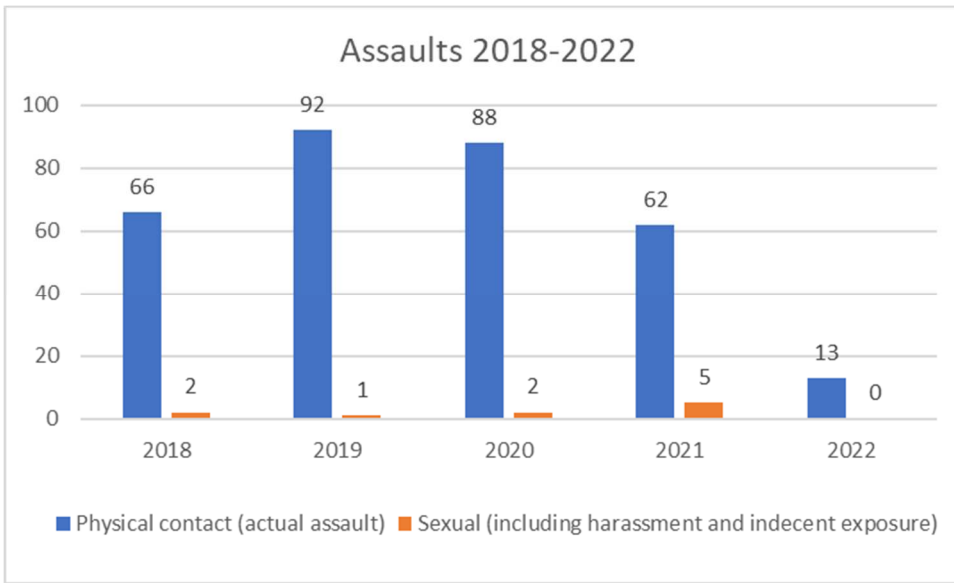


Table 2

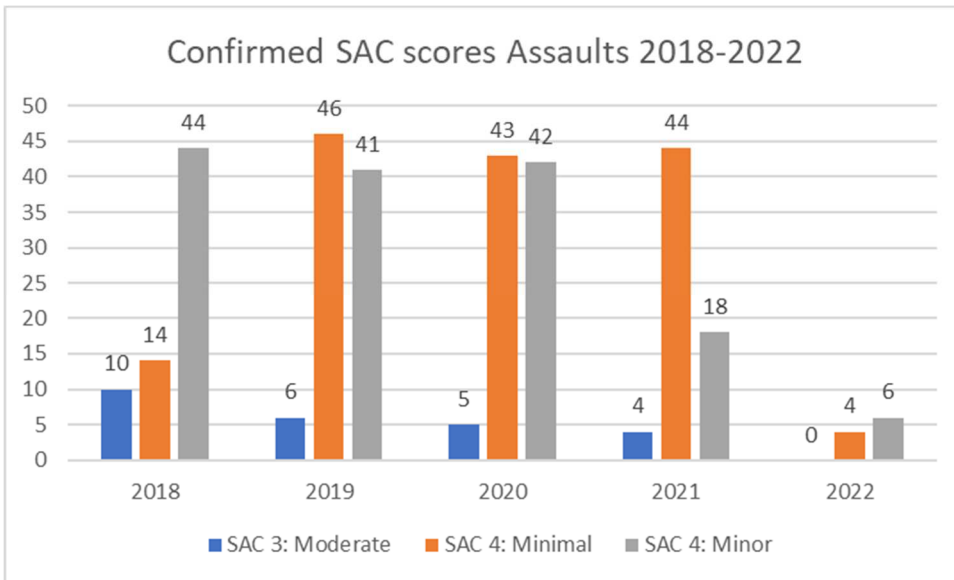


Table 3

	Role	Location	Gender	Weapon	Injuries	Actions eg charges laid
1	Registered Nurse	Te Puna Waiora	M	No	Bruising, Headaches	Lodged with police
2	Registered Nurse	Ward 3B	M	No	Unknown. Punches to face	Nil
3	Registered Nurse	Te Puna Waiora	F	No	Cut lip	Police called
4	Clinical Nurse Coordinator	Emergency Department	M	No	Nil	Police called
5	Psychiatric Assistant	Te Puna Waiora	F	No	Sore ribs, loose tooth	Police called. Patient charged
6	Registered Nurse	Te Puna Waiora	F	No	loose tooth, bruising on face and side	Police called. Patient charged
7	Community Mental Health Nurse	Te Puna Waiora	F	No	Sore neck, bruising	Police called. Patient charged
8	Psychiatric Assistant	Te Puna Waiora	M	No	Sore jaw and neck	Police called. Patient charged
9	Psychiatric Assistant	Te Puna Waiora	F	No	Bruising on face	Police called. Patient charged
10	Registered Nurse	Te Puna Waiora	M	No	Bruised jaw, scratched hand	Restraint team called
11	Registered Nurse	Te Puna Waiora	M	No	Concussion	Patient restrained
12	Registered Nurse	Ward 2A	F	No	Nil	
13	Clinical Nurse Coordinator	Te Puna Waiora	F	Yes, Thermometer	Facial bruising and abrasions	Police called
14	Registered Nurse	Ward 4A/4B	F	No	Nil	Security and Police called
15	Registered Nurse	Ward 4A/4B	M	No	Sore shoulder, headaches	Security and Police called
16	Unknown	Ward 4A/4B	unknown	No	Punched in the head	Security called
17	Registered Nurse	Emergency Department	F	No	Kicked in head	Police in attendance
18	Clinical Nurse Coordinator	Emergency Department	F	No	Scratch and bite marks	Police called
19	Manager	Te Puna Waiora	M	No	Concussion	Patient restrained
20	Medical Imaging Technologist	Radiology	F	Yes, wooden board	Cut to head	Security called, Police called
21	Clinical Nurse Coordinator	Emergency Department	M	No	Cut to hand	Security called, Police called
22	Registered Nurse	Ward 4A/4B	F	No	Bruising to chest	
23	Registered Nurse	Te Puna Waiora	M	No	Bruising to eye	Patient restrained, Police called
24	Registered Nurse	Ward 2B	F	No	Facial bruising	
25	Healthcare Assistant	Ward 4A/4B	F	No	Bruising on arm	