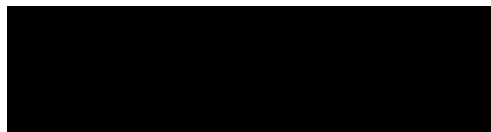


19 September 2022



**Re: Official Information Act**

I am responding on behalf of Te Whatu Ora Taranaki to your OIA request of 11 September 2022. You have requested the following information:

- *Please can you send me the annual age 5 and Year 8 oral health data from the School Dental Services for New Plymouth, Stratford and Hawera for the years 1990 to 1999.*
- *Please can you send me also the same data for these towns for the years 2000 to the present, as supplied by the Community Oral Health Service.*
- *Specifically, I would like to see the statistics for decayed, missing and filled teeth, and the percentages of caries-free children for both age groups.*

Information regarding Age 5 and Year 8 oral health data for the Community Oral Health Service is publicly available via this link: [Age 5 and Year 8 oral health data from the Community Oral Health Service | Ministry of Health NZ](#)

Unfortunately Taranaki District is unable to provide historical data by individual towns as this information was not gathered or broken down by towns, only Taranaki as a whole. A further difficulty is that while a child might live in a specific town (e.g. Inglewood), they may get their treatment elsewhere (e.g. Stratford, New Plymouth, etc).

Taranaki District has used two dental systems for capturing oral health data:

- the first system (Molaris) is no longer operational
- the current system (Titanium) did not store a record of historical data until last year. This information is unable to be retrospectively gathered.

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Yours sincerely

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