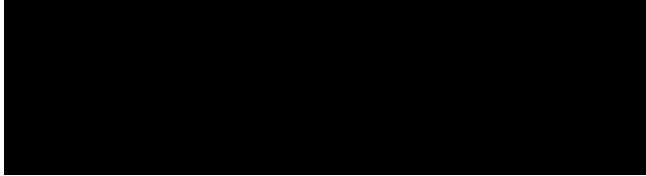


29 September 2022



Official Information Act Request – Methadone Programme

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act dated 6 September 2022, regarding methadone in Taranaki.

You asked for the following:

1. *Any information on the amount of methadone distributed in Taranaki and if possible to see which way it's trending (ideally current amount vs 5 years / 10 years ago).*
2. *Also, if possible what it costs per year.*

Our responses are below.

Response 1:

The table below outlines the number of community pharmacy dispensings for Methadone hydrochloride and the number of distinct people receiving methadone hydrochloride from community pharmacies between 2015/16 and 2021/22.

Financial Year	Number of dispensings	Number of people
2015/16	72,726	249
2016/17	74,441	245
2017/18	78,689	269
2018/19	78,965	269
2019/20	76,930	261
2020/21	70,251	267
2021/22	64,831	231

Response 2:

Costs for the programme are not available.

Please note that this response, or an edited version of this response may be published on the Te Whatu Ora Taranaki website.

Ngā mihi nui,



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