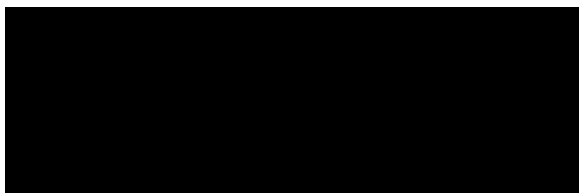


29 September 2022



**Re: Official Information Act**

I am responding on behalf of Te Whatu Ora Taranaki to your OIA request of 6 September 2022. You have requested the following information:

*I am looking into drug use in the Taranaki region and would like to request data on people who present / test positive for methamphetamine at the hospitals and health clinics. In particular I was looking for information on the age of people presenting. I am particularly interested in the youngest people who have presented / tested positive for methamphetamine. Are you able to provide some data around the ages of people over the last two years?*

*The background for this is that I have heard that a 12yr old presented at the hospital on methamphetamine and would like to explore if this was true or if people of a similar age have come in.*

While Te Whatu Ora Taranaki District does not provide information on individual service users, as per our Privacy and Confidentiality Policy, we can provide you the data you requested.

Please find the information requested in the tables under the *Appendix*.

I trust this information answers your OIA request.

Please note that this response, or an edited version of this response, may be published on the Te Whatu Ora Taranaki ([www.tdhb.org.nz](http://www.tdhb.org.nz)) website no less than one week after the response has been provided to you. Any personal or identifying information will be redacted from any response published online. Te Whatu Ora Taranaki will endeavour to resolve any concerns you should raise but, subject to any legal grounds for withholding, ultimately reserves the right to publish any information.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "K. Sheffield".

Katy Sheffield  
**Acting Chief Operating Officer**  
**Taranaki District**

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**Appendix**

**Number of patients admitted with Positive Methamphetamine Diagnosis**

Financial Year	Age Bands								Total
	(10-19)	(20-29)	(30-39)	(40-49)	(50-59)	(60-69)	(70-79)	(80+)	
2020/2021	1	8	14	9	3	0	0	0	35
2021/2022	1	12	5	8	1	0	0	0	27

**Number of Positive Methamphetamine Tests (Reporting from hospital and community laboratories)**

Financial Year	Age Bands								Total
	(10-19)	(20-29)	(30-39)	(40-49)	(50-59)	(60-69)	(70-79)	(80+)	
2020/2021	1	31	42	77	43	5	1	0	200
2021/2022	2	32	44	57	36	2	1	0	174