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Official Information Act Request

Further to your recent correspondence with Ministry of Health and the Health Quality and Safety Commission, a part of your request for information has been transferred to Waikato District Health Board (DHB).

Specifically you have requested information in relation to the number of individuals placed in seclusion in our mental health inpatient facility - Henry Rongomau Bennett Centre, since 2016.

The Henry Rongomau Bennett Centre houses both acute adult mental health inpatient services for the Waikato region and forensic adult mental health inpatient services for the Midland region (Waikato, Lakes, Bay of Plenty, Tairāwhiti, Taranaki).

The tables below provide both the number of episodes of seclusion and the number of individuals who have experienced seclusion.

Number of Seclusion Events by Calendar Year (2016 -2022 May)

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022*	Grand Total
Adult	162	142	195	234	178	145	79	1135
Forensic	51	43	115	143	88	96	28	564
Grand Total	213	185	310	377	266	241	107	1699

Distinct Number of Individuals Secluded by Calendar Year (2016 -2022 May)

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022*	Grand Total
Adult	88	92	109	142	105	88	50	550
Forensic	17	20	33	29	45	35	17	130
Grand Total	105	112	140	166	149	122	67	658

How to get in contact

If you have any questions, you can contact us at oa_contact@waikatodhb.health.nz

As this information may be of interest to other members of the public, Health NZ has decided to proactively release a copy of this response on Health NZ's website. All requester data, including your name and contact details, will be removed prior to release. The released response will be made available here.

Yours sincerely



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