



20 May 2022

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By way of email only: [Redacted]

Dear [Redacted]

**Official Information Act request:**

Further to your letter dated 6 April 2022 made under the Official Information Act 1982.

Specifically, you requested:

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**a. The number of assaults on staff for years 2018,2019,2020,2021,2022**

Year	Grand Total
2018	706
2019	886
2020	850
2021	728
2022	214

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

Year	Minor	Moderate	Serious
2018	634	71	1
2019	850	31	5
2020	827	23	-
2021	649	74	-
2022	192	18	-

*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*

The following information is from Datix – the electronic incident management reporting system used by Waikato DHB, there are however limitations in the ability to extract concise details for the information you are seeking as many of the Datix fields are often not completed when information is logged. Please note logging incidents in Datix is voluntary and assaults vary from the use of bad language to violence.

Due to system limitations information like role held, gender, possible weapon information cannot be provided as in many cases this information does not exist we are refusing this part of your request pursuant to Section 18(e) of the Official Information Act 1982.



We do not hold record of any charges laid so subsequently we have transferred this part of your request to New Zealand Police as per section 14 of the Official Information Act 1982.

<b>2018</b>	
Cardiac Care 1, 2 & 3 (Menzies L1)	1
Director of Nursing (DON)	1
Emergency	12
Endoscopy Suite Nursing (MCC Bldg L3 Rcpt J)	1
General Med Medical Personnel	1
Intensive Care Ward (ICU) (MCC Bldg L4 Crit Care)	1
Maxillo Facial Unit	1
MH Drug & Alcohol Hamilton (193 London Street)	1
MH Forensic Rehabilitation	1
MH North Central Sector (193 London Street)	1
MH Puna Maatai (Henry Bennett L2)	2
MH Puna Poipoi (Henry Bennett L3)	2
MH Ward 34 Acute	9
MH Ward 35 Acute	5
MH Ward 36 Intensive Care (Henry Bennett L3)	13
MH Ward OPR1 MH Older People	1
Pathology - Microbiology (Waiora L3)	1
Rheumatology Medical Personnel (Ryburn Building)	1
Rhoda Read Geriatric (Rhoda Read Hospital)	1
Te Kuiti Composite Ward (Te Kuiti Hospital)	1
Thames IPU Medical (Thames Hospital)	1
Theatre Non-Medical Personnel (MCC Bldg L3 Rcpt K)	1
Ward A2 - Respiratory (Acute Services Bldg L2)	3
Ward A4 - General Medicine (Acute Services Bldg L3)	1
Ward E2 - Women's Health Post	1
Ward M16 - Orthopaedics (Menzies L6)	1
Ward M2 - General Surgery (Menzies L2)	4
Ward OPR4 - Combined Stroke	1
Wkt Hospital Business Service	1
<b>2019</b>	
Attendants	1
Emergency	4
Hamilton And Rural PH Nurses	1
MH Assertive Community Treatme (193 London Street)	1
MH Puna Awhi-rua	1
MH Puna Maatai (Henry Bennett L2)	2
MH South Central Sector (193 London Street)	2
MH Ward 34 Acute	1
MH Ward 35 Acute	1
MH Ward 36 Intensive Care (Henry Bennett L3)	3
PACU	1
Project Delivery	1
REACH	1
Tokoroa Dietary (Tokoroa Hospital)	1
Tokoroa Emergency Dept (Tokoroa Hospital)	2
Ward M2 - General Surgery (Menzies L2)	2

Ward M6 - Orthopaedics (Menzies L6)	1
Ward M8 - Neurosurgery (Menzies L8)	1
Ward OPR3 - Orthopaedic Rehab	1
Ward OPR5 - Older Persons Trea (Ward OPR5-OP Trtmnt and Rehab)	3
<b>2020</b>	
Breast Screening Waikato (Breast Care Centre)	1
Emerg Dept Medical Personnel	1
Emergency	3
High Dependency Ward (HDU) (MCC Bldg L4 Crit Care)	1
Intensive Care Ward (ICU) (MCC Bldg L4 Crit Care)	1
MH North Central Sector (193 London Street)	1
MH Ward 35 Acute	2
MH Ward OPR1 MH Older People	1
NICU Medical Personnel	1
Renal Haemodialysis Incentre (Regional Renal Centre)	1
Rhoda Read Geriatric (Rhoda Read Hospital)	1
Thames IPU Medical (Thames Hospital)	1
Theatre Non-Medical Personnel (MCC Bldg L3 Rcpt K)	1
Ward E5 - Waikids Medical (Elizabeth Rothwell L3)	1
Ward M16 - Orthopaedics (Menzies L6)	1
Ward M2 - General Surgery (Menzies L2)	1
<i>Ward OPR5 - Older Persons Trea (Ward OPR5-OP Trtmnt and Rehab)</i>	4
<b>2021</b>	
Emerg Dept Medical Personnel	1
Emergency	5
Emergency SM (Acute Serv Bldg Grnd)	2
Gateway Assessment Service (Campbell Johnstone B2)	1
Hamilton And Rural District Nurses	1
Intensive Care Ward (ICU) (MCC Bldg L4 Crit Care)	1
MH Drug & Alcohol Hamilton (193 London Street)	1
MH ICAMHS Medical	1
MH North Central Sector (193 London Street)	2
MH Puna Awhi-rua	4
MH Puna Maatai (Henry Bennett L2)	9
MH Puna Poipoi (Henry Bennett L3)	1
MH South Rural Sector	1
MH Ward 34 Acute	4
MH Ward 36 Intensive Care (Henry Bennett L3)	22
MH Ward 41 Reintegration (Henry Bennett L1)	1
MH Ward OPR1 MH Older People	3
Newborn Intensive Care Unit (NICU)	1
Taumarunui Inpatient Ward (Taumarunui Hospital)	2
Thames Emergency Dept. (Thames Hospital)	3
Ward M12 - General Surgery (Menzies L2)	2
Ward M8 - Neurosurgery (Menzies L8)	1
Ward OPR3 - Orthopaedic Rehab	2
Ward OPR5 - Older Persons Trea (Ward OPR5-OP Trtmnt and Rehab)	2
WDHB Womens Community Midwifery (Elizabeth Rothwell B2)	1
<b>2022</b>	

Attendants	1
MH Forensic Rehabilitation	2
MH Ward 36 Intensive Care (Henry Bennett L3)	6
Thames Emergency Dept. (Thames Hospital)	4
Ward A3 - General Medicine (Acute Services Bldg L3)	1
Ward M12 - General Surgery (Menzies L2)	3
Ward OPR5 - Older Persons (Ward OPR5-OP Treatment and Rehab)	1

**c. From the total number of assaults could I please have this broken down into physical and sexual assaults**

Year	Physical contact	Sexual (including harrasment)
2018	274	15
2019	328	21
2020	326	17
2021	304	32
2022	91	6

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

Please refer to document attached which is an extract from a Health, Safety and Wellbeing report submitted to our Finance, Risk and Audit Committee in September 2021. This is not a standard report item.

You have the right to request the Ombudsman investigate and review the decision to extend the time to respond. The Ombudsman's postal address is:

The Ombudsman  
Office of the Ombudsmen  
P O Box 10-152  
WELLINGTON

Waikato DHB supports the open disclosure of information to assist community understanding of how we are delivering publically funded healthcare. This includes the proactive publication of anonymised Official Information Act responses on our website from 10 working days after they have been released.

I trust this answers your query.

Yours sincerely



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