



Lakes District Health Board
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Subject: Official Information Act Request re: Alcohol related harm

Thank you for your request for information under the Official Information Act received by Lakes DHB on 29 April 2022. Please see the following answers to your questions.

Before responding to your specific questions, it may help to provide some context about our interpretation of the questions.

The number of presentations listed below is not limited to unique individuals, some of these patients may have presented at our hospitals more than once.

Patients who have presented and been treated for alcohol related harm include:

- a) those with alcohol poisoning
- b) those who have injured themselves with alcohol in their system
- c) those who may be referred to the hospital from concerns around mental health issues relating to alcohol.
- d) other health issues such as being admitted for diseases that could impact a patient's liver, heart, brain ECT relating to long term use of alcohol

Because of this, caution is advised in comparing raw data between different district health boards unless it is clear the breadth of service-delivery and clinical caseload is of similar complexity.

We are unable to confirm the total number of people treated in emergency department or outpatient events as these are not coded in our patient management system into disease or conditions groups. The information below provides data on patients who were admitted to the hospital.

Also, the year is **fiscal year**, from July to June.

The information from 2012 and 2013 is unavailable, therefore we can only provide information from 2014 to 2022.

**The Fiscal Year 2022 is from 01 July 2021 to 30 April 2022 (ten months).*

- 1. Please provide a yearly breakdown of how many people were treated from 2012-2022 (to date) for alcohol related harm**

	Episode Numbers
2014	55
2015	38
2016	81
2017	88
2018	163
2019	302
2020	178
2021	129
2022*	67

2. Please provide a yearly breakdown of age groups of those treated in your DHB between 2012-2022 for alcohol related harm.

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022*
14 years or less	2	0	5	3	3	22	7	9	1
15 to 44 years	26	18	33	48	77	117	60	40	30
45 to 64 years	19	12	25	18	58	74	50	39	15
65 to 74 years	6	2	8	12	13	42	23	14	8
75 years or over	2	6	10	7	12	47	38	27	13
Grand Total	55	38	81	88	163	302	178	129	67

3. Please provide a yearly breakdown of the ethnicity of those treated in your DHB from 2012-2022 for alcohol related harm.

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022*
Asian			2	1	5	6	6	1	0
European	22	13	46	43	79	169	97	79	35
Maori	31	25	29	41	72	115	67	49	29
Not Stated	1	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	1
Other	1	0	0	0	1	2	1	0	1
Pacific Is.	0	0	4	3	4	9	7	0	1
Grand Total	55	38	81	88	163	302	178	129	67

4. Please provide a yearly breakdown of age groups of those admitted to your DHB from 2012-2022 for alcohol related harm.

As above.

5. Please provide a yearly breakdown of ethnicity of those admitted to your DHB from 2012-2022 for alcohol related harm.

As above.

6. Please provide a yearly breakdown of age groups of those admitted to your DHB from 2012-2022 for alcohol related harm.

Same question as question four.

7. Please provide a yearly breakdown of the cost for each person treated / admitted in your DHB for alcohol related causes.

	Average cost per event
2014	\$ 4,191.77
2015	\$ 4,154.84
2016	\$ 4,916.55
2017	\$ 4,665.48
2018	\$ 5,044.52
2019	\$ 5,474.94
2020	\$ 6,995.95
2021	\$ 6,796.46
2022*	\$ 4,822.59

8. Please provide a breakdown of how many patients were admitted to Emergency Departments where alcohol was determined to be a factor in their admission from 2012-2022.

Not available as above.

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