



Lakes District Health Board
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Subject: Official Information Act request re: interpreters

Thank you for your request for information under the Official Information Act received by Lakes DHB on 1 April 2022. You have asked for:

'information on the numbers of people in New Zealand who need an interpreter in order to access effective health care'

Lakes DHB is unable to answer your question with respect to a patient's ability to access health care.

However, in the fiscal year 1/6/20 to 30/6/21, there were 84 contacts with interpreters in Lakes DHB hospitals. Please note some of these will be separate contacts but with the same patient.

Released under the Official Information Act