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**Subject: Official Information Act Request re: assaults in mental health**

Thank you for your request for information under the Official Information Act received by Lakes DHB on 3 May 2022. Please see the following answers to your questions.

- 1. How many recorded assaults on health staff have there been at the Lakes DHB's Whare Whakaue Acute Inpatient Unit in the last five years, between Jan 1 2017 and Dec 31 2021? Could you please provide a breakdown for each year?**

Total 130

Incidents by Incident date (Year) and Incident type tier three:

	Physical contact (actual assault)	Physical threat (no contact)	Psychological abuse (bullying and harassment)	Sexual (including harassment and indecent exposure)	Verbal Abuse	Verbal abuse with racial content	Total
2017	13	2	1	1	2	0	19
2018	18	2	0	0	2	0	22
2019	26	8	1	0	1	1	37
2020	21	10	0	1	1	0	33
2021	13	4	0	2	0	0	19
<b>Total</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>130</b>

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**2. How many of these recorded assaults required a police call-out?**

41 required external agency input. Breakdown Below:

	Physical contact (actual assault)	Physical threat (no contact)	Sexual (including harassment and indecent exposure)	Total
Accident Compensation Corporation	4	0	0	4
Director of Area Mental Health Services	4	1	1	6
District Inspector	4	1	1	6
Next of Kin	6	2	0	8
Police	10	6	1	17
<b>Total</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>41</b>

**3. How many recorded incidents of verbal abuse or threats have there been on health staff at the DHBs two inpatient mental health facilities between Jan 1 and Dec 31 2021? Could you please provide a breakdown for each year?**

Responded to under question 1.

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