



Te Tāhū Hauora
Health Quality & Safety
Commission

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Re: OIA request – Wairarapa adverse events

Thank you for your OIA request via email on the 3 September 2024. The two parts of your request are addressed below.

- 1) *I'd like to request the number of adverse events for Wairarapa for the following financial years: 2020/21, 2021/22, 2022/23, 2023/24.*

Table 1 below contains the number of adverse events reported to us from Wairarapa hospital for the years 2020/21, 2021/22 and 2022/23. We are unable to provide numbers for the 2023/24 year as we are yet to finalise the data prior to publication.

Table 1: Wairarapa adverse events per financial year (1 July – 30 June)

Year	Count
2020/21	8
2021/22	12
2022/23	14

These adverse events were reported to us using reporting requirements and definitions from the *National Adverse Events Policy 2017*.¹ From 1 July 2023 events have been reported to us using reporting requirements and definitions from the *Healing, learning and improving from harm: National adverse events policy 2023*.² Please note some events can be reclassified following a review which means these totals may change.

¹ www.hqsc.govt.nz/resources/resource-library/national-adverse-events-reporting-policy-2017/

² www.hqsc.govt.nz/our-work/system-safety/healing-learning-and-improving-from-harm-policy/national-adverse-events-reporting-policy/

2) *I'd also like a summary of each adverse event reported in the 2023/24 year, similar to what used to be reported to Wairarapa DHB.*

We have transferred your request for a summary of each event from the 2023/24 year to Te Whatu Ora | Health New Zealand (Health New Zealand) to respond to, in accordance with Section 14 of the Official Information Act. You will hear further from Health New Zealand concerning your request.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Peter Jansen', with a large loop at the end.

Dr Peter Jansen
Chief Executive

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