



Te Tāhū Hauora
Health Quality & Safety
Commission

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Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 request of 13 May 2025 requesting the following information:

National CLAB data for New Zealand hospitals, broken down by hospital and by year, from 2013 to 2024, including:

- *Total number of CLAB events*
- *Number of central line days*
- *CLAB rates (per 1000 line days)*
- 2. *Any documents, reports, or internal communications that outline:*
 - *The reporting structures for the Target CLAB Zero programme as it stands after the final report was published June 2013 by Suzanne Proudfoot, Ko Awatea.*
 - *Any feedback loops, continuous data analysis of CLAB rates or mechanisms used to support and maintain the initiative over time.*

Background information

Target CLAB Zero programme:

Te Tāhū Hauora Health Quality & Safety Commission (the Commission) funded Ko Awatea to facilitate the Target CLAB Zero programme, a time-limited 18-month collaborative in critical care units, in 2012-13.

The Commission did not continue to collect CLAB data nationally after May 2014 because the national CLAB rate decreased so HQSC switched priorities and initiated data collection and reporting in another quality improvement area. However, many district hospitals continued to collect and report CLAB data at a local level, so we suggest you reach out to the individual district hospitals for this data.

Healthcare associated Staphylococcus aureus bacteraemia (SAB):

Since 2012, the Commission has collected Healthcare-associated *Staphylococcus aureus* bacteraemia (SAB) data from districts. The national SAB dataset contains only bacteraemia caused by *Staphylococcus aureus* and includes other sources of SAB, not just central lines.

CLAB that are caused by *Staphylococcus aureus* will be included in this dataset however we only started collecting SAB source and location of SAB in July 2022. This data will not include all CLAB, only those associated with *Staphylococcus aureus*, so is not a good comparison for the Target CLAB Zero programme.

The tables on pages two to four of this response address part one of your request.

Data collected during Target CLAB Zero programme

CLAB events identified in critical care units were collected nationally until March 2014.

CLABs per 1000 line days reported for 2013				
DHB	Hospital / ICU	Total number of CLAB events	Number of central line days	CLAB Rate (per 1000 lines days)
Auckland	CVICU	2	4052	0.49
	DCCM	1	2761	0.36
	PICU	2	3096	0.65
Bay of Plenty	Tauranga	0	1170	0.00
	Whakatane	0	150	0.00
Canterbury	Christchurch	2	3538	0.57
Capital & Coast	Wellington	0	3427	0.00
Counties Manukau	Middlemore	2	1496	1.34
Hawkes Bay	Hawkes Bay	0	1633	0.00
Hutt Valley	Hutt	0	374	0.00
Lakes	Rotorua	0	204	0.00
MidCentral	Palmerston North	0	672	0.00
Nelson Marlborough	Nelson	1	226	4.42
Northland	Whangarei	0	537	0.00
South Canterbury	Timaru	1	458	2.18
Southern	Dunedin	0	1317	0.00
Tairāwhiti	Gisborne	0	562	0.00
Taranaki	Taranaki Base	0	630	0.00
Waikato	Waikato	0	3617	0.00
Waitemata	North Shore	1	1466	0.68
West Coast	Grey Base	0	223	0.00
Whanganui	Whanganui	0	467	0.00

CLABs per 1000 line days reported for January - March 2014				
DHB	Hospital / ICU	Total number of CLAB events	Number of central line days	CLAB Rate (per 1000 lines days)
Auckland	CVICU	2	1108	1.81
	DCCM	0	904	0.00
	PICU	1	575	1.74
Bay of Plenty	Tauranga	0	356	0.00
	Whakatane	0	33	0.00
Canterbury	Christchurch	1	913	1.10
Capital & Coast	Wellington	1	482	2.07
Counties Manukau	Middlemore	0	381	0.00
Hawkes Bay	Hawkes Bay	0	151	0.00
Hutt Valley	Hutt	0	96	0.00
Lakes	Rotorua	1	44	22.73
MidCentral	Palmerston North	0	49	0.00
Nelson Marlborough	Nelson	1	37	27.03
Northland	Whangarei	0	67	0.00
South Canterbury	Timaru	1	216	4.63
Southern	Dunedin	0	196	0.00
Tairāwhiti	Gisborne	0	9	0.00
Taranaki	Taranaki Base	0	175	0.00
Waikato	Waikato	0	875	0.00
Waitemata	North Shore	0	223	0.00
West Coast	Grey Base	0	48	0.00
Whanganui	Whanganui	0	87	0.00

Data collected nationally between July 2022 and December 2024

Below are the only CLAB-associated SAB (CLAB SAB) data reported in critical care units since SAB source was collected nationally in July 2022.

Only three hospitals reported any CLAB SAB between July 2022 and December 2024. All other hospitals have reported zero CLAB SAB in their critical care units. Half-year data is provided since national SAB source data collection began in July 2022. Please remember that these numbers may not include all CLAB for hospital critical care units between July 2022 and December 2024, only the CLAB caused by *Staphylococcus aureus*.

The SAB numbers in the table include CVC (tunnelled, non-tunnelled, Portacath) and PICC combined.

The denominator data for SAB is bed days, not central line days, so we are unable to provide the number of central line days and CLAB rates per your request.

Half Year (calendar year)	Hospital	Central line associated <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> bacteraemia (CLAB SAB)
H2 2022	Auckland City Hospital	0
H1 2023	Auckland City Hospital	1
H2 2023	Auckland City Hospital	1
H1 2024	Auckland City Hospital	3
H2 2024	Auckland City Hospital	1

Half Year (calendar year)	Hospital	Central line associated <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> bacteraemia (CLAB SAB)
H2 2022	Middlemore	0
H1 2023	Middlemore	1
H2 2023	Middlemore	0
H1 2024	Middlemore	0
H2 2024	Middlemore	0

Half Year (calendar year)	Hospital	Central line associated <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> bacteraemia (CLAB SAB)
H2 2022	Wellington	2
H1 2023	Wellington	1
H2 2023	Wellington	2
H1 2024	Wellington	0
H2 2024	Wellington	2

Regarding the second part of your request for documents, reports or internal communications, no such content exists so this part of your request is refused under s 18 (e) of the Act. CLAB rates are not collected nationally unless they are CLAB SAB. Some hospitals continue to collect and report CLAB data so contacting them would be your next step.

You are entitled, under section 28(2) of the Act, to seek an investigation and review of this decision by the Ombudsman.

Nāku noa, nā



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