

27 May 2026

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By email: ██████████

Tēnā koe ██████,

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request received 30 April 2026 seeking:

Updated information from the HQSC Adverse Event Database for the 2021 - 2025 time period for the suicide / self-harm events at each public health service provider.

Our response

We have provided the following information as an attachment:

- a) Mental health harm (adverse) events by district for Health New Zealand
- b) Population estimates for Health New Zealand districts

Please note that:

1. Redactions have been made under s 9(2)(a) of the Official Information Act 1982 (to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons) where counts are less than five.
2. We “finalise” the data for each year as a snapshot for reporting within 3-6 months of the financial year finishing. We use that snapshot to represent all reporting for that financial year. Although the harm (adverse) events can be updated in the live portal after this point, we use point-in-time for consistency of reporting.
3. Population estimates came from the most recent extract we have of this data, extracted on 26 January 2026, using the 2023 census data.
4. Capital & Coast merged with Hutt Valley to make one district: Capital, Coast & Hutt Valley. We have merged them from the 2022/23 financial year, since this happened on 1 July 2022.
5. We use the WHO Conceptual Framework for the International Classification for Patient Safety to classify harm, specifically code 10 behaviours for these reported harm (adverse) events.

6. As data is extracted at a “point in time” the data may not match Health New Zealand numbers viewed at a future date.
7. The terminology “suspected suicide” is used as suicide can only be ruled by the Coroner and this is not known at time reporting is completed.

The Commission publishes some of its OIA responses on its website, after the response is sent to the requester. We will not publish your name, address or contact details.

You have the right, by way of complaint under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act 1982 to the Ombudsman, to seek an investigation and review of the Commission's decision

Nāku noa, nā



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