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Tēnā koe Chris

Your request for Official information, reference: HNZ00027861

Thank you for your email on 14 August 2023, asking for the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

Please provide the following in table format from 2000 - 2022
Annual Cases of

- *Guillain-Barre Syndrome*
- *Myocardial infarction*
- *Pulmonary Embolism / Blood Clots*
- *Stroke*
- *Bells Palsy / Facial Paralysis*
- *Cancers - To be broken down into type*
- *Spontaneous Abortion / Miscarriage*
- *Myocarditis*
- *Pericarditis*

Te Whatu Ora – Health New Zealand does not hold national level data on the numbers of people diagnosed with the conditions requested. We hold information on the number of hospitalisations for these diagnoses. This only includes people who required hospital treatment for their condition.

The 2021/2022 financial year is the latest year for which complete national level hospital events data is available. Data for 2020/21 and 2021/22 is considered provisional. Between 1999 and 2012 there were changes in the way former District Health Boards (DHBs) reported their emergency department (ED) data. Data provided for these years should therefore be interpreted with caution. More information about this issue can be found here:
<https://www.health.govt.nz/publication/factsheet-short-stay-emergency-department-events>.

Please find a spreadsheet containing the numbers of publicly funded hospital discharges from 1999/00 to 2021/22, attached as **Appendix 1**. The conditions included in this spreadsheet are Bell's palsy, Guillain-Barre syndrome, Acute myocardial infarction, Pulmonary embolism, Acute pericarditis, Acute myocarditis, Stroke, and Spontaneous abortion.

People hospitalised multiple times due to transfers, readmission, or multiple incidents will be counted each time they are discharged.

Data about cancers diagnosed in New Zealand is available online. You can access data covering the period 2011 to 2020 at the following link:
<https://www.tewhatauora.govt.nz/our-health-system/data-and-statistics/cancer-web-tool/>. This web tool will be updated with data from 2021 in December 2023.

We also publish tables of data which cover the period from 1948, available online at the following link: <https://www.tewhatauora.govt.nz/our-health-system/data-and-statistics/historical-cancer/>.

How to get in touch

If you have any questions, you can contact us at h.nzOIA@health.govt.nz.

If you are not happy with this response, you have the right to make a complaint to the Ombudsman. Information about how to do this is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or by phoning 0800 802 602.

As this information may be of interest to other members of the public, Te Whatu Ora may proactively release a copy of this response on our website. All requester data, including your name and contact details, will be removed prior to release.

Nāku iti noa, nā



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