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Tēnā koe Simon

Request for information: GnRH agonist statistics

Thank you for your request dated 5 February 2024 under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) for information relating to GnRH agonists. You requested:

In response to a previous OIA request dated 28th August 2023 Pharmac supplied statistics on the number of patients (PREVALENCE) dispensed of GnRH agonists broken down by

- YEAR: 2006 - 2022, CALENDAR year.
- AGE: 0-17 by year, supplemented by the 12-17 age category.
- SEX: M, F

Thankyou for your timely response. I make the same request however this time updated to be the years: 2006 - 2023.

IN ADDITION I request INCIDENCE data broken down by the same year, age, and sex categories. To clarify by "incidence" I mean the number of patients who start on GnRH agonist treatment the age and sex categories in a calendar year who were not dispensed GnRH agonist the previous calendar year.

Attached you will find:

- The prescribing prevalence statistics by year and gender (female, male), ages 0-17
- The prescribing prevalence statistics by year and gender (female, male), ages 12-17
- The prescribing incidence statistics by year and gender (female, male), ages 0-17
- The prescribing incidence statistics by year and gender (female, male), ages 12-17

You will find the information you requested in the excel spreadsheet attached.

Please note that the NHI does not capture sex ('assigned at birth' or 'natal sex'), instead it only captures gender ('gender identity', relates to an individual's experience of their own gender). This can be updated by an individual by asking their regular health professional to update the National Health Index ("NHI") with this information.

If you would like more information on this please contact Te Whatu Ora as they are responsible for [NHI records](#).

Where 6 or fewer people are counted, we have changed the number to "≤6" as we believe this is necessary to protect the privacy of these people (section 9(2)(a) of the OIA).

In making our decision, we have considered the public interest considerations in section 9(1) of the Act. No public interest has been identified that would be sufficient to override the reasons for withholding that information.

Please note, you have the right to make a complaint to the Ombudsman about our response to your OIA, under section 28(3) of the OIA. Details of [how to make a complaint](#) are on the Ombudsman's website.

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Nāku noa, nā



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