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Re: Official Information Act request – Sex related injuries

I refer to your Official Information Act request dated 11 September requesting the following information:

- 1. In the last year how many patients were treated for sex-related injuries?**
- 2. Of those patients, how many were treated for injuries from objects not designed to be used as sex toys**
- 3. How many of these were for anal injuries from objects not designed for anal penetration**
- 4. What objects were used**

Alongside this, it would be great to get a comment on how these injuries happen and what people can do to avoid this.

Auckland DHB does not have specific codes for the type of injuries you have specified, so the information you have requested is not available. We have considered, as required by section 18A of the Official Information Act, whether estimating a cost of gathering the data and asking you to meet that cost or extending the timeframe for responding to your request might enable us to resolve this.

Due to the number of ED admissions each year, the task of identifying the information you seek would involve a significant amount of time and work. We are therefore refusing your request under section 18(f) of the Official Information Act – that the request would require substantial collation or research.

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.

Yours faithfully



Ailsa Claire, OBE
Chief Executive