
All District Health Boards

26 March 2019

Mitchell Alexander
Political Reporter
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Dear Mitchell

Official Information Act request for:

A copy of any and all information totalling the number of patients prescribed antidepressants in 2018 as inpatients and in the community (scope clarified with the requester and confirmed 18.2.2019.)

Please include the age and gender of the patient(s).

And I ask that anything within the spirit of this request that is not mentioned be included in the response.

TAS is responding on behalf of all DHBs to your query about community-prescribed antidepressants, and DHBs will individually respond to your query about hospital-prescribed antidepressant medication.

The attached information covers all subsidised antidepressant medications dispensed in 2018 by community pharmacies. Please note that the only dataset held by TAS is for **dispensed** antidepressant medication, which may be different to actual prescribed antidepressant medication.

Patients prescribed antidepressants in a DHB hospital setting are not captured in this dataset. Each DHB will provide their respective hospital data.

If you require further information, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely



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TAS
