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Dear [REDACTED]

Official Information Act (1982) Request

I write in response to your Official Information Act request dated 26th January 2019. You requested the following information:

- **Recorded cases of organ failure; brain damage; and death related to heat-stroke and/or sun-stroke by the DHB in the calendar years (January 1 to December 31) in 2014, 15, 16, 17 and 2018, broken down by year and type of injury.**

We have searched the DHB Clinical Coding systems from 2014 onwards for all patients with the selected International Classification of Diseases (ICD) codes, to identify any with injury and/or death related to heatstroke.

There were a total of 37 patients identified with these codes for Heat Stroke in the period specified.

For reference, the ICD codes are **ICD 10 Codes from T67.0 to T67.9**

- T67.0 Heatstroke and sunstroke
- T67.1 Heat syncope
- T67.2 Heat cramp
- T67.3 Heat exhaustion, anhydrotic
- T67.4 Heat exhaustion, due to salt depletion
- T67.5 Heat exhaustion, unspecified
- T67.6 Heat fatigue, transient
- T67.7 Heat oedema
- T67.8 Other effects of heat and light
- T67.9 Effect of heat and light, unspecified

For these 37 patients, we then had all principal and secondary diagnoses for the episode of care examined, as well as the electronic discharge summaries, to check for cases that noted organ failure and/or death.

There were no cases of organ failure; brain damage and /or death related to these 37 patients coded with heat stroke.

I trust this information satisfactorily answers your query. If you are not satisfied with this response you are entitled to seek a review of the response by the Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act.

Please note that this response or an edited version of this may be published on the Counties Manukau DHB website.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Fepulea'i Margie Apa', is positioned above a light blue horizontal line.

Fepulea'i Margie Apa
Chief Executive