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Via email [REDACTED]

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**Your Official Information Act request, reference: HNZ00008290**

Thank you for your email on 06 December 2022 requesting the following information which has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

You have asked for the following information:

- *The number of children eligible for free dental care in the DHBs coverage area for 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, and by ethnicity, and by the following age groups: 0-4yrs, 5-12yrs, 13-17yrs*
- *the number of children enrolled for free dental care in the DHBs coverage area for 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, and by ethnicity, and by the following age groups: 0-4yrs, 5-12yrs, 13-17yrs*
- *the number of children seen (utilisation rate) for free dental care in the DHBs coverage area for 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, and by ethnicity, and by the following age groups: 0-4yrs, 5-12yrs, 13-17yrs*
- *the number of 0-4 yr olds who were seen by the oral health service at age 1, 2, 3 and 4 in the DHBs coverage area for 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, and by ethnicity*
- *the number of 0-4 yrs olds were seen seen by non-oral health service at age 1, 2, 3 and 4 for oral health checks, including before school checks, lift the lip, brush-in programmes, by plunket, midwives if the information is available, in the DHBs coverage area for 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, and by ethnicity."*

Our response to each of your requests is set out below:

**The number of children eligible for free dental care in the DHBs coverage area for 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, and by ethnicity, and by the following age groups: 0-4yrs, 5-12yrs, 13-17yrs.**

Data/ information is not available to answer this question as we captured only those who register or enrol for dental service. This information is therefore withheld under Section 18(e) of the Official Information Act 1982 because the information requested does not exist within the organisation.

**The number of children enrolled for free dental care in the DHBs coverage area for 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, and by ethnicity, and by the following age groups: 0-4yrs, 5-12yrs, 13-17yrs.**

This question required to have a snap shot based on their enrolment date each year. Therefore, the data submitted is the data provided to Ministry of Health.

*Enrolled & Total Population based on MOH reports (PP13)*

*NA=Not available*

Calendar Year	2011	Enrolled			
	<b>Total Population</b>	<b>All</b>	<b>Maori</b>	<b>Pacific</b>	<b>Other</b>
Age 0-4	27462	18233	NA	NA	NA
Age 5 - Yr8	NA	40473	NA	NA	6731
<b>Total</b>		58706	NA	NA	NA

Calendar Year	2012	Enrolled			
	<b>Total Population</b>	<b>All</b>	<b>Maori</b>	<b>Pacific</b>	<b>Other</b>
Age 0-4	27462	19251	NA	NA	NA
Age 5 - Yr8	NA	44353	NA	NA	NA
<b>Total</b>	NA	63604	NA	NA	NA
Adolescent Yr 9-17	NA	518	NA	NA	NA

Calendar Year	2013	Enrolled			
	<b>Total Population</b>	<b>All</b>	<b>Maori</b>	<b>Pacific</b>	<b>Other</b>
Age 0-4	27760	18824	NA	NA	NA
Age 5 - Yr8	NA	44236	NA	NA	NA
<b>Total</b>		63060	NA	NA	NA

Calendar Year	2014	Enrolled			
	<b>Total Population</b>	<b>All</b>	<b>Maori</b>	<b>Pacific</b>	<b>Other</b>
Age 0-4	27720	19886	NA	NA	NA
Age 5 - Yr8	NA	45349	NA	NA	NA
<b>Total</b>		65235	NA	NA	NA

Calendar Year	2015	Enrolled			
	<b>Total Population</b>	<b>All</b>	<b>Maori</b>	<b>Pacific</b>	<b>Other</b>
Age 0-4	27720	20110	NA	NA	NA
Age 5 - Yr8	NA	43119	NA	NA	NA
<b>Total</b>		63229	NA	NA	NA

Calendar Year	2016							
	Total Population				Enrolled			
	All	Maori	Pacific	Other	All	Maori	Pacific	Other
Age 0-4	27810	10470	1280	16060	20039	7535	922	11582
Age 5 - Yr8	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Total								

Calendar Year	2017							
	Total Population				Enrolled			
	All	Maori	Pacific	Other	All	Maori	Pacific	Other
Age 0-4	28230	10680	1370	16180	21037	6252	776	14009
Age 5 - Yr8	NA	NA	NA	NA	47642	14326	1879	31437
Total	NA	NA	NA	NA	68679	20578	2655	45446

Calendar Year	2018							
	Total Population				Enrolled			
	All	Maori	Pacific	Other	All	Maori	Pacific	Other
Age 0-4	28390	10800	1390	16200	26062	9167	1054	15841
Age 5 - Yr8	NA	NA	NA	NA	47415	14773	2034	30608
Total	NA	NA	NA	NA	73477	23940	3088	46449

Calendar Year	2019							
	Total Population				Enrolled			
	All	Maori	Pacific	Other	All	Maori	Pacific	Other
Age 0-4	28720	10920	1190	16610	24157	8898	572	14687
Age 5 - Yr8	NA	NA	NA	NA	49001	16537	1372	31092
Total	NA	NA	NA	NA	73158	25435	1944	45779

Calendar Year	2020							
	Total Population				Enrolled			
	All	Maori	Pacific	Other	All	Maori	Pacific	Other
Age 0-4	28770	11010	1250	16510	24495	8865	958	14672
Age 5 - Yr8	NA	NA	NA	NA	44433	15024	1867	27542
Total	NA	NA	NA	NA	68928	23889	2825	42304

Calendar Year	2021							
Cyber Attack	Total Population				Enrolled			
	All	Maori	Pacific	Other	All	Maori	Pacific	Other
Age 0-4	NA	NA	NA	NA	20246	7056	1208	11982
Age 5 - Yr8	NA	NA	NA	NA	54307	18797	3233	32277
Total	NA	NA	NA	NA	74553	25853	4441	44259

The number of children seen (utilisation rate) for free dental care in the DHBs coverage area for 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, and by ethnicity, and by the following age groups: 0-4yrs, 5-12yrs, 13-17yrs

Prior to 2012, we captured the data on a paper based system and started capturing the data in an electronic system from Calendar Year 2012 onwards. We have therefore withheld the information captured prior to 2012, under section 18(f) of the Official Information Act 1982 because the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation or research.

Data captured from 2012 onwards is provided below.

*Number of Patients Seen From Calendar Year 2012 - 2021*

Patients Seen Age Group	Eligible For Free Dental Care		Grand Total
	NO	YES	
2012	85	5409	5494
0-4 Years	34	1936	1970
NZ Māori	11	437	448
Pacific	3	61	64
Others	20	1438	1458
5-12 Years	51	3214	3265
NZ Māori		716	716
Pacific	17	64	81
Others	34	2434	2468
13-17 Years		259	259
NZ Māori		84	84
Pacific		6	6
Others		169	169
2013	270	22984	23254
0-4 Years	99	6851	6950
NZ Māori	15	1668	1683
Pacific	7	305	312
Others	77	4878	4955
5-12 Years	163	15218	15381
NZ Māori	26	3476	3502
Pacific	11	526	537
Others	126	11216	11342
13-17 Years	8	915	923
NZ Māori	5	260	265
Pacific		36	36
Others	3	619	622
2014	322	25076	25398
0-4 Years	119	8786	8905
NZ Māori	37	2168	2205
Pacific	11	417	428
Others	71	6201	6272
5-12 Years	192	15533	15725
NZ Māori	29	3602	3631
Pacific	9	566	575
Others	154	11365	11519
13-17 Years	11	757	768
NZ Māori	2	171	173
Pacific		28	28
Others	9	558	567

▫ 2015	381	29233	29614
▫ 0-4 Years	158	10924	11082
NZ Māori	45	3042	3087
Pacific	15	462	477
Others	98	7420	7518
▫ 5-12 Years	213	17532	17745
NZ Māori	45	4094	4139
Pacific	9	615	624
Others	159	12823	12982
▫ 13-17 Years	10	777	787
NZ Māori	1	200	201
Pacific		17	17
Others	9	560	569
▫ 2016	843	53792	54635
▫ 0-4 Years	261	13846	14107
NZ Māori	85	4159	4244
Pacific	18	596	614
Others	158	9091	9249
▫ 5-12 Years	563	37483	38046
NZ Māori	164	13031	13195
Pacific	20	1482	1502
Others	379	22970	23349
▫ 13-17 Years	19	2463	2482
NZ Māori	8	954	962
Pacific	3	67	70
Others	8	1442	1450
▫ 2017	4468	51978	56446
▫ Maori	536	18075	18611
0-4 Years	58	2738	2796
5-12 Years	426	13752	14178
13-17 Years	52	1585	1637
▫ Pacific	386	1949	2335
0-4 Years	19	251	270
5-12 Years	311	1594	1905
13-17 Years	56	104	160
▫ Others	3546	31954	35500
0-4 Years	336	5259	5595
5-12 Years	2881	24059	26940
13-17 Years	329	2636	2965
▫ 2018	6247	70110	76357
▫ Maori	843	26313	27156
0-4 Years	83	3973	4056
5-12 Years	688	20200	20888
13-17 Years	72	2140	2212
▫ Pacific	512	2722	3234
0-4 Years	34	409	443
5-12 Years	425	2144	2569
13-17 Years	53	169	222
▫ Others	4892	41075	45967
0-4 Years	527	7081	7608
5-12 Years	3892	30738	34630
13-17 Years	473	3256	3729

2019	6204	69846	76050
Maori	770	25966	26736
0-4 Years	53	3962	4015
5-12 Years	640	20017	20657
13-17 Years	77	1987	2064
Pacific	456	2561	3017
0-4 Years	31	366	397
5-12 Years	394	2023	2417
13-17 Years	31	172	203
Others	4978	41319	46297
0-4 Years	487	6922	7409
5-12 Years	3982	31204	35186
13-17 Years	509	3193	3702
2020	4479	47473	51952
Maori	560	18268	18828
0-4 Years	32	2635	2667
5-12 Years	476	13927	14403
13-17 Years	52	1706	1758
Pacific	335	1838	2173
0-4 Years	16	277	293
5-12 Years	271	1428	1699
13-17 Years	48	133	181
Others	3584	27367	30951
0-4 Years	302	4657	4959
5-12 Years	2945	19850	22795
13-17 Years	337	2860	3197
2021	3982	41475	45457
Maori	378	14453	14831
0-4 Years	30	2011	2041
5-12 Years	325	11244	11569
13-17 Years	23	1198	1221
Pacific	198	1394	1592
0-4 Years	13	211	224
5-12 Years	148	1096	1244
13-17 Years	37	87	124
Others	3406	25628	29034
0-4 Years	311	4683	4994
5-12 Years	2733	18624	21357
13-17 Years	362	2321	2683

The number of 0-4 yr olds who were seen by the oral health service at age 1, 2, 3 and 4 in the DHBs coverage area for 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, and by ethnicity

As informed above, prior to 2012, we captured the data on a paper based system and started capturing the data in an electronic system from Calendar Year 2012 onwards. We have therefore withheld the information prior to 2012, under section 18(f) of the Official Information Act 1982 because the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation or research.

Data captured from 2012 onwards is provided below.

Patients Seen Age at seen	Ethnic Group			Grand Total
	NZ Māori	Pacific	Others	
▣ 2012	448	64	1458	1970
0	3		16	19
1	47	3	181	231
2	101	26	379	506
3	126	10	404	540
4	171	25	478	674
▣ 2013	1683	312	4955	6950
0	11		36	47
1	193	34	655	882
2	371	54	1173	1598
3	440	99	1381	1920
4	668	125	1710	2503
▣ 2014	2205	428	6272	8905
0	18	1	46	65
1	248	37	709	994
2	505	99	1539	2143
3	653	134	1803	2590
4	781	157	2175	3113
▣ 2015	3087	477	7518	11082
0	37	7	99	143
1	406	43	935	1384
2	660	90	1778	2528
3	844	146	2055	3045
4	1140	191	2651	3982
▣ 2016	4244	614	9249	14107
0	73	8	140	221
1	601	87	1509	2197
2	967	121	2007	3095
3	1157	156	2519	3832
4	1446	242	3074	4762

Patient Seen	Ethnic Group			Grand Total
Age at seen	Maori	Pacific	Others	
▣ 2017	2796	270	5595	8661
0	22	1	39	62
1	297	26	688	1011
2	579	61	1307	1947
3	791	83	1565	2439
4	1107	99	1996	3202
▣ 2018	4056	443	7608	12107
0	15	1	52	68
1	441	43	977	1461
2	971	88	1900	2959
3	1078	111	2096	3285
4	1551	200	2583	4334
▣ 2019	4015	397	7409	11821
0	17	2	52	71
1	384	37	1165	1586
2	863	75	1690	2628
3	1138	96	1966	3200
4	1613	187	2536	4336
▣ 2020	2667	293	4959	7919
0	12	1	28	41
1	192	25	633	850
2	437	52	1151	1640
3	811	82	1312	2205
4	1215	133	1835	3183
▣ 2021	2041	224	4994	7259
0	10		19	29
1	136	23	545	704
2	365	35	1250	1650
3	548	66	1382	1996
4	982	100	1798	2880

The number of 0-4 yrs olds seen by non-oral health service at age 1, 2, 3 and 4 for oral health checks, including before school checks, lift the lip, brush-in programmes, by plunket midwives if the information is available, in the DHBs coverage area for 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, and by ethnicity.

Further broken down to two parts:

1. Number of children at the age of 1, 2 and 3 seen by non-oral health service, in the Waikato district for the requested time period (2010-2021) and by ethnicity - this data is not available centrally. This information is therefore withheld under section 18(e) of the Official Information Act 1982 because the information requested does not exist within the organisation.
2. Number of 4-5 years old (B4 School Checks) seen by non-oral health service, in the Waikato district for the requested time period (2010-2021) and by ethnicity - this data is available from the national database. This data is available centrally and following is the data for this request.



Dental Checks Completed 2013 - 2021 (based on Lift the lip check from B4SC), Waikato

year	Dental Checks Completed
2013	4929
2014	5262
2015	5013
2016	5026
2017	5347
2018	5155
2019	4824
2020	4247
2021	4010

**Data source:** B4SC monthly reports between 2013 and 2021

**Information produced:** Dental checks completed during the period 2013 and 2021.

**Caveats:**

- The figures may differ slightly from earlier published reports (2013-2015) due to database updates
- We do not have access to reports prior to 2013 that allows us to produce complete year's data for 2010-2012.
- The existing monthly reports do not provide a breakdown of the dental component by ethnicity. Hence, only total counts, which is readily available have been provided.
- The yearly counts cover the period 8 January – 7 January the following year

**How to get in contact**

If you have any questions, you can contact us at [OIA\\_Contact@waikatodhb.health.nz](mailto:OIA_Contact@waikatodhb.health.nz).

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As this information may be of interest to other members of the public, Health NZ has decided to proactively release a copy of this response on Health NZ's website. All requester data, including your name and contact details, will be removed prior to release. The released response will be made available here.

Nāku iti noa, nā

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