

Tuesday, 11 May 2021

Re: Official Information Act Request – Marae accessibility to Māori inpatients and Tino Rangatiratanga

Kia ora [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request for information under the Official Information Act 1982.

Our response to your request is as follows:

1. *How many of the DHBs have a marae accessible to Māori inpatients in DHB psychiatric units*

If whaiora placed in Te Whare Awhiora (Acute inpatient care at Hauora Tairāwhiti) sought, or it was deemed appropriate that a marae was accessed, then we would work with our Pakeke (Kaumatua) and Kaiaromatawai (Cultural Assessment) teams to achieve that. Pakeke and Kaiaromatawai would guide and enable marae access, which may be via any one of the iwi Māori providers in Tairāwhiti. Te Whare Awhiora does not have an onsite “marae” facility.

2. *In exact terms the measures each of the DHBs use to ensure the Tino Rangatiratanga of Māori inpatients in Psychiatric Inpatient Units*

Te Whare Awhiora does not currently have specific measures relating to Tino Rangatiratanga for Māori inpatient care per se. However, there are a range of ways in which this may be reflected. For example, Hauora Tairāwhiti is actively focussed on reducing Māori whānau under the jurisdiction of the Mental Health Act; particularly in terms of Compulsory Treatment Orders. This measure could be considered in the light of Tino Rangatiratanga.

Hauora Tairāwhiti has a Pakeke leadership team, (members of which are inpatient based and easily accessible by whaiora and their whānau) who work to ensure the needs of those whānau is expressed in ways that uphold their rights as tangata whenua. A Kaiaromatawai is also in place, with a role in working with inpatient whaiora supporting whānau centred care approaches and practices.

The partnered service “Te Waharoa” with Te Kupenga Net Trust also provides a peer and advocacy service that facilitates responses to mental health and addiction needs from a Maturanga Māori, Te Ao Māori perspective.

If you are not satisfied with this response you may contact the Office of the Ombudsmen, phone 0800 802 602.

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Ngā mi 

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