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Your Official Information Act request, reference: GOV-017259

Thank you for your email of 16 March 2022, asking for the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

We therefore ask for your assistance in providing the following information relating to ACC work related claims that involved nurses, midwives and health care assistants since 1 January 2017 to date:

1. *Total number of claims per year*
2. *Number of accepted, and declined claims*
3. *Names of the employers involved, such as DHB, PHO, Aged Care Provider etc*
4. *Claimants' occupation, such as Nurses, Midwives and Healthcare workers*
5. *Place of injury, particularly for DHBs, for example – Emergency Department, Mental Health Unit, Surgical Ward etc.*
6. *Type of injury – Number of Physical injuries i.e.. fractures, back injury, limb injury, head injury*
7. *Number of Mental injuries*
8. *Type of Claims – Whether the claims were for medical treatment and/or weekly compensation*

The data for questions 1-3 and questions 6-8 are in the attached appendix

However, your questions 4 and 5 are refused in reliance of section 18(g) because ACC's systems do not collect information to this level of detail. Data relating to nurses is collected as such, but not all occupations within the healthcare industry are recorded to this extent.

Definitions used in the appendix

- *Entitlements* - are those claims who have received weekly compensation, vocational rehabilitation, support for independence or non-acute hospital treatment.
- *Medical Only* - are claims that have not yet received any of the entitlements payments above but have received medical treatment, dental treatment, transport for medical treatment and/or transport by Ambulance payments. Please note that a small number of these claims may also have received independence allowance, lump sum, death benefits or miscellaneous expenditure payments.
- *PHAS Only* (Public Health Acute Services)- are claims that have no payments individually attributed to the claim but have been registered and can therefore be assumed to be wholly covered under bulk funded PHAS payments.

Notes on this data

- All included claims are accepted for cover, except where stated otherwise.
- The classification unit is that of the employer and does not always represent the type of work done by the client.
- Injury site and diagnosis represent the primary injury of the client. A claim may include multiple injuries, but any additional injuries will not be included in this dataset.
- Claims have been flagged as mental injury based on all injuries on the claim and not just the primary injury.
- New claims are counted where ACC registered the claim between 1 January 2017 and 31 December 2021. A claim may be registered immediately following an accident or at any later stage.
- Data was extracted 30 March 2022 and may change if extracted again at a later date.

ACC does not routinely disclose low value numbers related to claims.

Some of the values in the tables only indicate that the number is less than 4 (denoted as <4). In other instances, values are suppressed and notated as (...). This limits the potential for particular individuals, or matters specific to certain individuals, from being identified.

Withholding in this way is necessary to protect the privacy of these individuals, under section 9(2)(a) of the Act. In doing so, we have considered the public interest in making the information available and have determined that it does not outweigh the need to protect the privacy of these persons.

As this information may be of interest to other members of the public

ACC has decided to proactively release a copy of this response on ACC's website. All requester data, including your name and contact details, will be removed prior to release. The released response will be made available www.acc.co.nz/resources/#/category/12.

If you have any questions about this response, please get in touch

You can email me at GovernmentServices@acc.co.nz.

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