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### **Response to your request for official information**

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) to the Ministry of Health (the Ministry) on 26 May 2022 for information relating to section 31 notification data relating to aged residential care (ARC) providers. You asked for:

*“...notifications under Section 31(b) of the Health and Disability Services Act 2001, relating to “notifications of a potential health and safety risk resulting from registered nurse coverage issues in aged residential care” (I am aware from reading web page that there is no longer a specially designed form for these incidents).*

*Pressure injuries reported by aged care providers at Stage 3 and above (as described on the above web page);*

*I would appreciate an update to this data, but this time by month from January 2021 to latest available.”*

The Ministry has provided a table in Appendix 1 of this letter which outlines the pressure injury and registered nurse coverage under section 31 notifications from ARC providers from 1 January 2021 to 7 July 2022.

For further information on section 31 notification reporting please see the link to the Ministry's website: [www.health.govt.nz/our-work/regulation-health-and-disability-system/certification-health-care-services/information-providers-health-care-services/notifying-incident-under-section-31](http://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/regulation-health-and-disability-system/certification-health-care-services/information-providers-health-care-services/notifying-incident-under-section-31) or the HDSS Act: [www.legislation.govt.nz/act/public/2001/0093/19.0/DLM120564.html](http://www.legislation.govt.nz/act/public/2001/0093/19.0/DLM120564.html)

I trust this information fulfils your request. Under section 28(3) of the Act, you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review any decisions made under this request. The Ombudsman may be contacted by email at: [info@ombudsman.parliament.nz](mailto:info@ombudsman.parliament.nz) or by calling 0800 802 602.

Please note that this response, with your personal details removed, may be published on the Ministry website at: [www.health.govt.nz/about-ministry/information-releases/responses-official-information-act-requests](http://www.health.govt.nz/about-ministry/information-releases/responses-official-information-act-requests).

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Nāku noa, nā



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## Appendix 1

**Table: Pressure injury and registered nurse coverage section 31 notifications received from aged residential care providers (from 1 January 2021 to 7 July 2022).**

Year/Month	Pressure injury	Registered Nurse Coverage	Grand Total
<b>2021</b>	<b>808</b>	<b>851</b>	<b>1659</b>
Jan	33	9	42
Feb	90	10	100
Mar	90	9	99
Apr	28	4	32
May	49	13	62
Jun	21	9	30
Jul	91	31	122
Aug	58	51	109
Sep	149	260	409
Oct	64	195	259
Nov	77	166	243
Dec	58	94	152
<b>2022</b>	<b>388</b>	<b>1357</b>	<b>1745</b>
Jan	37	118	155
Feb	71	118	189
Mar	64	165	229
Apr	47	161	208
May	93	375	468
Jun	68	380	448
Jul	8	40	48
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1196</b>	<b>2208</b>	<b>3404</b>