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Dear Ms Vincent

I refer to your application under the *Freedom of Information Act 1991* (the Act), received by the Department of Human Services (DHS) on 25 October 2018 seeking access to:

*Four data sets from January 2015 – present:*

- 1. Admissions to the Ceduna Sobering Up Centre:*
- 2. Ceduna Hospital Emergency Department admissions for drug and alcohol related presentations*
- 3. At-risk discharges from the Ceduna Hospital*
- 4. Street Beat clients' intoxication levels*

Unfortunately, DHS was unable to make a determination on your application within 30 days, therefore it is considered to be a "deemed refusal" under section 19(2)(b) of the Act. However, DHS has continued to process your application outside of this timeframe. Section 19(2)(a) of the Act provides that an agency can release documents outside the 30-day timeframe, and this is still taken to be a determination under the Act.

Four documents have been located that are within the scope of your request and I have determined to release these documents to you in full. Please find enclosed a copy of the following documents:

1. Data – Alcohol and drug related admissions to the Ceduna Hospital Emergency Department
2. Data – Admissions to the Ceduna Sobering Up Centre
3. Data – Rate of Indigenous self-discharges from Ceduna Hospital
4. Data – Street Beat interactions recorded as having clients intoxicated

In accordance with the requirements of Premier and Cabinet Circular PC045, details of your FOI application, and the documents to which you have been given access, may be published on the agency's disclosure log. A copy of PC045 can be found at <http://dpc.sa.gov.au/what-we-do/services-for-government/premier-and-cabinet-circulars>.

If you have any questions in relation to this matter, please contact Fiona Braendler, Senior FOI Officer, on 8413 9094 or at [DHSFreedomofInformation@sa.gov.au](mailto:DHSFreedomofInformation@sa.gov.au). If you disagree with publication, you will need to advise the Senior FOI Officer within two weeks of the date of this determination.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kate Broderick', written in a cursive style.

Kate Broderick

**ACCREDITED FOI OFFICER**

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## Ceduna Hospital Emergency Department - number of alcohol and drug related admissions

	2015/16	2016/17	2017/2018	2018/19
July	18	12	14	
August	18	13	16	
September	18	21	15	
October	19	17	6	
November	12	23	7	
December	20	34	18	
January	39	16	13	
February	19	21	7	
March	18	13	15	
April	22	8	18	
May	9	10	10	
June	23	6	26	

## Ceduna Sobering Up Centre - total number of admissions

	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19
July	376	346	240	280
August	331	249	173	285
September	220	265	216	281
October	187	292	84	
November	94	266	215	
December	142	274	340	
January	236	269	307	
February	132	228	185	
March	186	229	275	
April	200	203	245	
May	183	191	232	
June	242	171	265	

## Rate of Indigenous Hospital Self -discharges from Ceduna Hospital

	discharge rate			
	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19
July	21.43%	0.00%	1.70%	2.90%
August	3.33%	2.90%	1.50%	1.00%
September	4.00%	32.00%	4.20%	
October	0.00%	14.29%	4.80%	
November	8.00%	0.00%	3.70%	
December	4.35%	7.41%	3.80%	
January	19.35%	1.30%	1.40%	
February	14.29%	6.70%	0.00%	
March	30.00%	0.00%	4.10%	
April	12.00%	0.00%	5.10%	
May	0.00%	3.20%	1.00%	
June	6.50%	9.70%	1.20%	

## Further information:

Numerator: Number of overnight separations for inpatients who identified themselves as Aboriginal and/or TSI and had a separation code of "8" (Self Discharge)

Denominator: Number of overnight separations for inpatients who identified themselves as Aboriginal and/or TSI

Definitions: Overnight separation: A patient has been in hospital for a minimum of overnight

## % Street Beat Interactions recorded as having clients as intoxicated

	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19
July		34%	35%
August		21%	32%
September		24%	26%
October		15%	44%
November		26%	
December		25%	
January	21%	18%	
February	20%	12%	
March	18%	15%	
April	37%	19%	
May	26%	30%	
June	33%	36%	

\* note that one Street Beat interaction can involve one or multiple clients