



01 December 2021

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Dear [Redacted]

Official Information Act Request

Thank you for your request dated 28 October 2021 pursuant to the Official Information Act 1982, in which you request the following information:

1. The current number of fully-staffed ICU beds for mechanically ventilated patients or multiple organ support for adults

Waikato DHB has 16 resourced ICU beds in Waikato Hospital for mechanically ventilated patients or multiple organ support for adults.

2. The current number of fully-staffed ICU beds for mechanically ventilated patients or multiple organ support for children.

Waikato DHB has 16 resourced ICU beds in Waikato Hospital for mechanically ventilated patients or multiple organ support for children.

The total 16 ICU beds are utilised for either adults and/or children depending on the need for ICU beds. Waikato DHB does not have separate paediatric ICU beds.

3. The typical occupancy rate of these beds during alert level 1 or zero

The average occupancy of these beds during alert level one or zero is 85%.

4. If you have plans to increase the number of beds which match the definition provided, please include how many more beds you plan to have and when you plan to have them by

Waikato DHB plans to increase the number of ICU beds by six over the next financial year.

Waikato DHB supports the open disclosure of information to assist community understanding of how we are delivering publically-funded healthcare. This includes the proactive publication of anonymised Official Information Act responses on our website from 10 working days after they have been released.

Yours sincerely

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