

Corporate Services



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YOUR OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT (1982) REQUEST HBDHB REF: OIA2021119

I refer to your Official Information Act request dated 14 September 2021 where you requested information from Hawke's Bay District Health Board (HBDHB). Your questions and HBDHB's response is provided below:

- 1. How many intensive care unit (ICU) beds are available at Hawkes Bay DHB that meet the staffing requirements outlined in the College of Intensive Care Medicine (CICM) minimum standards for Level I, II, III and Paediatric ICUs?**
See: https://www.cicm.org.au/CICM_Media/CICMSite/Files/Professional/IC-1-Minimum-Standards-for-Intensive-Care-Units.pdf
- 2. What is the DHB's current Clinical Priority Assessment Criteria (CPAC) threshold for each speciality?**
- 3. What were the CPAC thresholds over the previous 5 years and how many patients were declined treatment (FSA or surgery) due to capacity of the service to deliver?**

In response to question one, Hawke's Bay DHB's ICU is currently resourced and funded for eight ICU-level beds. There are three beds funded and resourced for High Dependency patients. HBDHB is also currently recruiting staff for an additional resourced two high dependency unit beds.

In response to question two, the DHB uses CPAC thresholds for surgical referrals for the following specialities:

- **General Surgery** – 75 points
- **Vascular** – 75 points
- **Ophthalmology** – cataracts 48 points
- **Ophthalmology** – non-cataract procedures 48 points
- **Dental** – no threshold applies
- **Maxillo Facial** – no threshold applies
- **Ear Nose & Throat** – tonsils and adenoids and grommets – 45 points
- **Ear Nose & Throat** – other procedures – 60 points
- **Urology** – 80 points
- **Gynaecology** – 65 points

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Note: The DHB's orthopaedic service uses a scoring system that ranks and scores patients by assessment of individual need, versus ability to benefit. This is to ensure access is targeted to those deemed to have the greatest clinical need. This includes input from hospital clinicians.

In response to question three, please refer to Table 1 that shows the number of outpatient FSA referrals declined for the last five financial years.

Table 1

	Financial Year					TOTAL
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	
Ear Nose & Throat	392	555	531	680	637	2795
Ophthalmology	192	181	171	182	177	903
Orthopaedics	269	259	171	369	377	1445
Dental	157	199	174	33	99	662
General Surgery	146	175	215	32	75	643
Gynaecology	81	91	126	159	105	562
Cardiology	34	186	113	98	3	434
Dermatology	16	5	197	178	24	420
Neurology	101	11	10	12	25	159
Rheumatology	17	20	22	21	39	119
Respiratory				5	103	108
Urology	23	17	24	21	15	100
Maxillo-Facial		1	12	29	48	90
Respiratory Medicine		7	17	9	5	38
General Medicine		1		6	1	8
Gastroenterology					7	7
Vascular		1		2	1	4
Paediatric Medical				3		3
Gastro-Enterology			1			1
Renal Medicine				1		1
TOTAL	1428	1709	1784	1840	1741	8502

Table 2 below shows the number of surgical referrals declined for the last five financial years.

Table 2

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	TOTAL
Dental			11	1		12
Ear Nose & Throat	10	39	24	36	14	123
General Surgery	7	3	50	59	118	237
Gynaecology		2	48	20	35	105
Maxillo-Facial	1		16	14		31
Ophthalmology		1	7	17	1	26
Orthopaedic	309	511	587	400	421	2228
Urology			27	4		31
TOTAL	327	556	770	551	589	2793

Hawke's Bay District Health Board does not keep records of threshold changes in a centralised system. Therefore, under section 18 (f) of the Official Information Act this portion of your request is declined relating to substantial collation or research. The DHB can advise thresholds have not changed since March 2020.

I trust this information meets your needs. If you would like any further information or clarification please phone me. If you are not satisfied with this response you may contact the Office of the Ombudsman, phone 0800 802 602.

Please note that this response, or an edited version of this response, may be published on the Hawke's Bay DHB website after your receipt of this response.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Chris Ash', written in a cursive style.

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