

Corporate Services



23 September 2021

(name and contact details redacted)

Dear (name redacted)

YOUR OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT (1982) REQUEST HBDHB REF: OIA2021122

I refer to your Official Information Act request partially transferred to district health boards by the Ministry of Health on 17 September 2021 where you requested information from Hawke's Bay District Health Board (HBDHB). Your questions and HBDHB's response is provided below:

***“details on how District Health Boards are freeing up ICU beds. In particular, can you advise:
b) To what extent is contracting out elective surgery to the private sector being increased?”***

The DHB has interpreted your request as relating to day-to-day demand management – i.e. reducing demand to free-up specialist services.

Hawke's Bay District Health Board does not contract out elective surgery for the purposes of freeing up ICU bed capacity.

The DHB does have a COVID resurgence plan, which is a whole of Hawke's Bay Health System plan, in preparation for further outbreaks. It can be viewed here: <http://www.ourhealthhb.nz/community-services/current-public-health-warnings-and-alerts/coronavirus/covid-19-resources/>

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".

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