

Corporate Services



18 March 2022

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Dear [REDACTED]

YOUR OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT (1982) REQUEST HBDHB REF: OIA2022020

I refer to your Official Information Act request transferred to district health boards by the Ministry of Health on 1 March 2022 where you requested information from Hawke's Bay District Health Board (HBDHB). Your questions and HBDHB's response is provided below:

"Data on how many ICU beds NZ had as at 1.1.2020 and again ICU beds in NZ as at 18.1.2022. I would like this data to include bed numbers that can actually be used vs allocated beds that cannot be staffed."

Hawke's Bay District Health Board has seven ICU and four HDU beds which are fully staffed and funded. Additionally, two HDU beds were commissioned in April 2021.

*Please note, these statistics are business as usual ICU/HDU capacity. However, the DHB also has a COVID-19 preparedness model whereby an additional 17 beds within a dedicated COVID-19 ward, Ruakopito, can be mobilised. These care spaces have the capacity to operate at ICU level if required. This ward was mobilised on 11 March 2022 - <http://ourhealthhb.nz/news-and-events/latest-news/hawkes-bay-hospital-mobilises-dedicated-covid-ward-as-cases-rise/>

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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