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Dear ████

Re: OIA request – Remdesivir and ventilators

Thank you for your Official Information Act request received via transfer from the Ministry of Health on 29 April seeking information from Waitematā District Health Board (DHB) about the use of remdesivir and ventilators for COVID-19 patients.

Before responding to your specific questions, it may be useful to provide some context about our services.

Waitematā is the largest and one of the most rapidly growing DHBs in the country, serving a population of around 650,000 across the North Shore, Waitakere and Rodney areas. We are the largest employer in the district, employing more than 8,900 people across more than 80 locations.

In addition to providing care to our own resident population, we are the Northern Region provider of forensic mental health services and child rehabilitation services, plus the metro Auckland provider of child community dental services and community alcohol and drug services.

In response to your request, we are able to provide the following information:

Can I please ask if the above treatment of remdesivir and ventilators has been or are being used as a treatment for covid patients in hospital?

Yes, Waitematā DHB uses remdesivir and ventilators for COVID-19 patients admitted to North Shore Hospital, as appropriate.

I trust that this information is helpful.

Waitematā DHB supports the open disclosure of information to assist community understanding of how we are delivering publicly 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.

If you consider there are good reasons why this response should not be made publicly available, we will be happy to consider your views.

Yours sincerely

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