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Dear [Redacted]

Re: OIA request – Hospital beds and maternity admissions

Thank you for your Official Information Act request received 2 February 2021 seeking information about bed availability from Waitematā District Health Board (DHB).

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 around 8,500 people across more than 80 locations.

In addition to providing services to our own population, we are also the metropolitan Auckland provider of forensic psychiatry, child disability services, child community dental services and community alcohol and drug services.

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

1. The overall number of beds available at Waitakere and North Shore hospitals and the number of beds occupied each day last week (Monday 11 January to Sunday 17 January 2021)

Waitakere Hospital

Date	Occupancy*	Beds Open	Physical Bed Capacity
11 January	135	134	134
12 January	131	134	134
13 January	131	134	134
14 January	131	133	134
15 January	132	134	134
16 January	133	134	134
17 January	135	134	134

* Please note that Waitakere Hospital has 40 beds in Muriwai ward (older adults and rehabilitation). One of these beds is within a large area that is used for rehabilitation for patients due to return home and is significantly larger than other rooms on the ward. In times of high capacity, this can be converted into a two-bedded area instead of one and Muriwai becomes 41 beds. This takes the total Waitakere numbers above the 134 to 135.

North Shore Hospital

Date	Occupancy	Beds Open	Physical Bed Capacity
11 January	406	421	445
12 January	416	435	445
13 January	428	422	445
14 January	424	425	445
15 January	415	442	445
16 January	412	434	445
17 January	427	442	445

2. *The average number of daily maternity admissions during Dec 2020 and Jan 2021, compared to that time last year.*

Waitakere Hospital

Date	Average daily maternity admissions (n)
December 2019	17
January 2020	17
December 2020	16
January 2021	14

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Date	Average daily maternity admissions (n)
December 2019	21
January 2020	23
December 2020	20
January 2021	22

3. *If there has been an increase of maternity admissions this summer compared to last due to lockdown babies being born, then is that likely to be part of the reason for the high demand of services over the last two weeks?*

As indicated above there has been no increase in average maternity admissions.

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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