



12 November 2018



Dear [REDACTED]

**Re: Official Information Act request**

Thank you for your Official Information Act request received on 19 October 2018 and subsequent clarification received on 25 October 2018, seeking information about the number of beds available and occupancy rates at Waitemata District Health Board (DHB). In response, we are able to provide the following information.

**1. The number of beds available in 2017**

Please find below a summary of beds available in North Shore and Waitakere Hospitals

Year 2017	North Shore Hospital	Waitakere Hospital
Average per day	370	181

*Please note:* The number is calculated on the number of budgeted beds.

**2. What was the bed occupancy rate from 2010 to 2017**

North Shore Hospital (average)

2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
81%	79%	82%	80%	85%	86%

Waitakere Hospital (average)

2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
67%	67%	73%	76%	83%	77%

*Please note:* The bed occupancy percentage is utilisation of all budgeted, as opposed to open, beds. The actual utilisation of beds on any one day depends on inpatient demand and is staffed to the number of beds that are required to be opened. We do have occupancy/census numbers if that is of interest to you.

The figures above include Maternity (Women’s Health) and Child Health for North Shore and Waitakere Hospitals. They do not include Mental Health.

We do not have occupancy data prior to November 2011 as we do not have accurate bed numbers prior to the implementation of the management system which tracks this data.

I trust that this information meets your requirements. Waitemata DHB, like other agencies across the state sector, supports the open disclosure of information to assist the public’s 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 feel that there are good reasons why your response should not be made publicly available, we will be happy to consider this.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Cath Cronin', followed by a period.

**Cath Cronin**  
**Director Hospital Services**  
**Waitemata District Health Board**