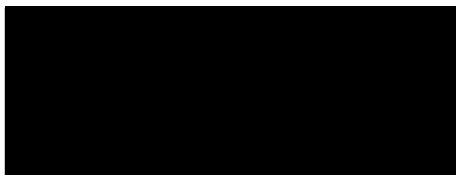


17 September 2020



Dear 

**Re: OIA request – ICU/HDU beds and negative pressure rooms**

Thank you for your Official Information Act request transferred to us by the Ministry of Health on 10 September 2020 seeking information about negative pressure rooms and ICU/HDU beds.

We clarified with you on 15 September that the wording of your request for HDU/CCU beds was for Intensive Care Unit (ICU) bed numbers and not Coronary Care Unit (CCU) bed numbers.

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

Waitematā DHB serves a population of more than 630,000 across the North Shore, Waitakere and Rodney areas, the largest and one of the most rapidly growing DHBs in the country. 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 can provide the following information:

**Please can I have the updated information – as of this month, how many ICU beds, HDU/ICU beds and negative isolation pressure rooms across all DHBs?**

Waitematā DHB has a total of 14 ICU/HDU beds, all at North Shore Hospital. Please note that Waitakere Hospital patients requiring HDU/ICU-level care are transferred to North Shore Hospital for treatment.

Waitematā DHB also has a total of 14 negative pressure rooms in areas and wards as below:

North Shore Hospital	Negative Pressure Rooms
ICU/HDU	4
Ward 10	2
Ward 2	1
Assessment Diagnostic Unit (ADU)	2
Emergency Department	2

<b>Waitakere Hospital</b>	
Huia Ward	1
Emergency Department	2

Auckland DHB and Counties Manukau also have HDU/ICU beds and negative pressure rooms. Please note that the three metro Auckland DHBs work closely together to effectively utilize our combined regional capacity at times of peak demand.

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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