

Tuesday, 23 November 2021

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Re: Official Information Act Request – ICU Fully staffed Beds

Kia ora ██████████

Thank you for your request for information under the Official Information Act 1982.

You asked:

Could I please get the following information for each public hospital in your DHB, broken down by hospital. If a hospital in your DHB has none, please list zero.

- 1. The current number of fully-staffed ICU beds for mechanically ventilated patients or multiple organ support for adults.*
- 2. The current number of fully-staffed ICU beds for mechanically ventilated patients or multiple organ support for children.*
- 3. The typical occupancy rate of these beds during alert level 1 or zero*

Please exclude high acuity beds, for coronary care or high dependency care beds with oversight. I am interested in the definition given here for intensive care beds-under the direct oversight of ICU teams: <https://www.anzics.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/Responding-to-COVID-in-Aotearoa-New-Zealand-October-2021.pdf>

If you have plans to increase the number of beds which match the definition above, please include how many more beds you plan to have and when you plan to have them by.

The Hauora Tairāwhiti response is as follows:

1. Hauora Tairāwhiti has 6 fully staffed critical care beds. This includes coronary care, high dependency, and intensive care levels of acuity. There are no specialist medical intensivists overseeing the intensive care unit/coronary care unit at Gisborne Hospital that does not meet the definition of an intensive care unit used by ANZICS.
2. The unit has sufficient staff on a business as usual basis to care for a maximum of 2 mechanically ventilated patients which can be either adults or children. Children are only ventilated for short periods, pending retrieval by a paediatric intensive care unit team.
3. The typical level of occupancy of mechanically ventilated patients is 0 or 1.
4. There are no plans to increase the number of beds, other than as a short-term contingency to deal with a COVID-19 surge.

If you are not satisfied with this response you may contact the Office of the Ombudsmen, phone 0800 802 602.

Please note this response or an edited version of this response may be published on the Hauora Tairāwhiti website. Your personal/identifying information will be redacted from any responses published. If you have reasons why your response should not be made publicly available, we will be happy to consider this.

Ngā mihi


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