

20th September 2021

s9(2)(a)

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Dear s9(2)(a)

Official Information Act Request for – ICU Bed Occupancy

I write in response to your Official Information Act request received by us 31st August 2021, you requested the following information:

- Under the OIA I would like to request ICU bed occupancy (% of ICU beds occupied or number of occupied bed days and total number of available beds) for the period 1 Jan 2018 until the most recent available date. Could this please be provided in the smallest time periods possible (days, if available, otherwise weeks, otherwise months).

Counties Manukau Health Response:

For context Counties Manukau Health (CM Health) employs over 8,500 staff and provides health and support services to people living in the Counties Manukau region (approx. 601,490 people). We see over 118,000 people in our Emergency Department each year, and over 2,000 visitors come through Middlemore Hospital daily.

Our services are delivered via hospital, outpatient, ambulatory and community-based models of care. We provide regional and supra-regional specialist services i.e. for orthopaedics, plastics, burns and spinal services. There are also several specialist services provided including tertiary surgical services, medical services, mental health and addiction services.

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Table 1 below reflects the information you have requested from 2018 to the end of August 2021.

2021	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Bed Days	277	320	346	269	278	335	308	293	-	-	-	-
Available	496	448	496	480	496	480	496	496	-	-	-	-
Occupancy %	65%	56%	71%	70%	56%	70%	62%	59%	-	-	-	-

2020	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Bed Days	252	270	259	244	316	280	317	309	336	312	338	323
Available	496	464	496	480	496	480	496	496	480	496	480	496
Occupancy %	51%	58%	52%	51%	64%	58%	64%	62%	70%	63%	70%	65%

2019	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Bed Days	313	290	341	320	307	253	348	303	319	329	280	285
Available	496	448	496	480	496	480	496	496	480	496	480	496
Occupancy %	63%	65%	69%	67%	62%	53%	70%	61%	66%	66%	58%	57%

2018	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Bed Days	324	323	292	315	293	293	300	341	334	302	289	325
Available	496	464	496	480	496	480	496	496	480	496	480	496
Occupancy %	65%	70%	59%	66%	59%	61%	60%	69%	70%	61%	60%	66%

Table 1: Data Sourced 15/09/2021 ICU Management

I trust this information answers your request. You are entitled to seek a review of the response by the Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or Freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that this response or an edited version of this may be published on the Counties Manukau Health website. If you consider there are good reasons why this response should not be made publicly available, we will be happy to consider this.

Yours sincerely



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