



Te Pouri Hauora ā Rohe o Te Tai Tokerau



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Re: Official Information Request for Covid Hospitalisation and treatment Data

I refer to your official information request dated 20 October 2021 transferred in part (question 2 only) from the Ministry of Health to the Northern Region Health Coordination Centre on 3 November 2021 for the following information:

At the time of this writing there have been a total of 321 people hospitalised and 41 in ICU. For my reference this is out of a total of 5153 cases since first NZ case.

2. For all people who entered hospital (321 or 362) please provide a breakdown for the number of those cases who received the following Covid-19 treatments.

I. Oxygen

II. Remdesivir

III. Tocilizumab

I am responding on behalf of the Northern Region Health Coordination Centre (NRHCC), the COVID-19 response and vaccination team set up by the Northland, Waitematā, Auckland, and Counties Manukau DHBs.

As the data referenced in your original request is held by the Ministry of Health, DHBs are unable to comment in direct relation to the specific numbers referenced as this appears to be national data. We have however compiled data which aligns with the timing of your request from the start of the current outbreak 17th August 2021.

Please find below the information you have requested in question 2 above. Note that your date range requested includes dates after the OIA request was submitted, consequently the DHBs have provided responses which reflect slightly differing date ranges as stated in the tables below.

Number of Patients who Entered Hospital				
from 17/08/21 (start of August Outbreak) to 20/10/21 (at time of writing OIA request)				
who received the following Covid-19 treatments:				
WDHB			CMDHB	
	Adult	% of covid positive patients	Adult	% of covid positive patients
Oxygen	19	27%	38	35%
Remdesivir	17	24%	8	7%
Tocilizumab	6	8%	13	12%
Total Covid Positive Discharges	71		108	

Number of Patients who Entered Hospital			
from 17/08/21 (start of August Outbreak) to 17/11/21			
(at time of initiating OIA request)			
who received the following Covid-19 treatments:			
ADHB			
	Adult	Paediatric	% of covid positive patients
Oxygen	declined*	declined*	n/a
Remdesivir	0	0	0%
Tocilizumab	67	0	33%
Total Covid Positive Discharges	193	11	

Please note regarding the oxygen data from ADHB asterixed thus*, they do not hold the information relating to patients that received oxygen whilst in hospital in an accessible format. Assembling it would require a manual review of the patient notes relating to the hospital events. Given that DHB clinicians, managers and staff continue to concentrate on measures to manage the current COVID-19 outbreak in the region we have decided to decline this aspect of your request under Official Information Act s18(f) – substantial collation and research.

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 response, may be published on the Auckland DHB website.

Yours sincerely,



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Chief Executive

