

14 February 2022

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**Re: Official Information Act request - Average medical/ICU bed occupancy in 2021 - ADHB Ref: 20220110-1134**

I refer to your Official Information Act request dated 10 January 2022 requesting the following information:

**Can the DHB please advise what the average occupancy of its medical beds and ICU beds was last year?**

#### **Response**

We note that we have also responded to your question as part of a regional media response from the Northern Region Health Coordination Centre.

During the 2021 calendar year, average midnight occupancy of medical beds at Auckland DHB Te Toka Tumai facilities was 405.5 patients.

To calculate this, we have included medical specialty wards beds at Auckland City Hospital, Starship Hospital and Greenlane Clinical Centre. This includes wards that are usually used for patients admitted under a medical/non-surgical specialty.

Please note that non-medical patients may be admitted to these wards on occasion. We have excluded critical care beds, day case beds, acute and planned care surgical, post-operative care unit beds, emergency department trollies/beds, clinical decisions unit beds, newborn care, maternity service beds, and mental health beds.

During the 2021 calendar year, average midnight occupancy of critical care beds at Te Toka Tumai was 61.6 patients. This includes the following wards: adult critical care, cardiovascular critical care, paediatric intensive care, and coronary care unit.

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](http://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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ailsa Claire".

Ailsa Claire  
**Chief Executive**  
**Auckland DHB**