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**Re: Official Information Act request – ADHB Ref: 20220303-1181**

I refer to your Official Information Act dated 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2022 requesting the following information:

*I would like to have the cost related to treating a covid Patient in these cases*

*- ICU/HDU*

*- Normal ward*

*- Cost of nurses visiting patients not in hospital*

*Can these costs be put in a spread sheet for one day on average cost also importantly the average time each patient is in these states?*

#### **Response**

Please see the spreadsheet attached as Attachment 1. ICU Bedday Costs 15 March. The average time in a normal ward you have asked for is reported as length of stay, abbreviated in the spreadsheet as LOS. Please note however that the “average time each patient is in these states” is not possible to calculate as it is not a linear or regular pathway from one state to the other.

We are refusing your request for the costs of nurses visiting patients not in hospital because the costs for this process have not yet been collated. under s18(f) – Auckland DHB has not collected this information in a format that allows us to respond to the request without substantial collation and research.

In the meantime, we have offered a proxy for this cost, that of the cost of a district nurse per patient visit, because of the similarity between the district nurse service and the nursing component for Whanau Home Quarantine service. See the District Nursing Data in Attachment 1.

Similarly and by reason of s 18(e) OIA, the information does not exist, we are refusing your request for costs for Covid ICU patients. We offer a proxy for this cost which is average cost per day for an adult patient in ICU respiratory services. See the Intensive Care Unit Data in Attachment 1.

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,



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**Chief Executive**

**Encl.**

*Attachment 1. ICU Bedday Costs 15 March*