

19 April 2022



Re: Official Information Act request – ICU Bed Data

I refer to your Official Information Act request received transferred to us by the Ministry of Health on 25 and clarified on 28 February requesting the following information:

Data on how many ICU beds NZ had as at 1.1.2020 and again ICU beds in NZ as at 18.1.2022. I would like this data to include bed numbers that can actually be used vs allocated beds that cannot be staffed.

The clarification was:

**The number of ICU beds as at 01.01.2020 and 18.01.2022 (2 numbers)
Bed number as at every day during Jan-July 2021**

Response

Please see the attached Attachment 1 OIA 1164 S. Levy ICU Resourced Beds. Note 'resourced' is what are budgeted and which meet requirements as per the standards set by the College of Intensive Care Medicine of Australia and New Zealand. The actual number of beds available on any day is also influenced by vacancies and unplanned leave (e.g. sick leave).

The three abbreviations used in the spreadsheet are:

DCCM = Department of Critical Medicine
CICU = Cardiovascular Intensive Care Unit
PICU = Paediatric Intensive 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 at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely,



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