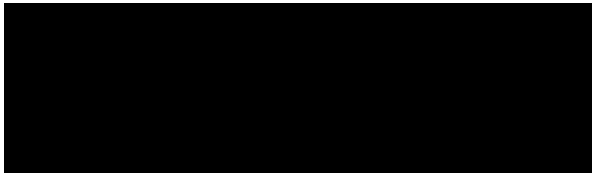


24 November 2021



Re Official Information Request for ICU Data for Auckland DHB Hospitals

I refer to your official information request dated 28 October 2021 for the following information:

Could I please get the following information for each public hospital in your DHB, broken down by hospital. If a hospital in your DHB has none, please list zero.

- **The current number of fully-staffed ICU beds for mechanically ventilated patients or multiple organ support for adults.**
- **The current number of fully-staffed ICU beds for mechanically ventilated patients or multiple organ support for children.**
- **The typical occupancy rate of these beds during alert level 1 or zero**

Please exclude high acuity beds, for coronary care or high dependency care beds with oversight. I am interested in the definition given here for intensive care beds under the direct oversight of ICU teams: <https://www.anzics.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/Responding-to-COVID-in-Aotearoa-New-Zealand-October-2021.pdf>

If you have plans to increase the number of beds which match the definition above, please include how many more beds you plan to have and when you plan to have them by.

Response

We have provided the information for Auckland City and Starship Children's Hospital under each of your questions below.

1) The current number of fully-staffed ICU beds for mechanically ventilated patients or multiple organ support for adults.

Auckland DHB resources 28 ICU and 11 HDU beds in two adult ICUs. The mix of ICU and HDU patients always varies. However this equates to approximately 34 fully staffed ICU beds, but 33 with current vacancies.

2) The current number of fully-staffed ICU beds for mechanically ventilated patients or multiple organ support for children.

Starship is resourced for 16 ICU and 6 HDU beds. The mix of ICU and HDU patients always varies. However this equates to approximately 19 fully staffed ICU beds. With current vacancies, we have 16 fully staffed ICU beds for children

3) The typical occupancy rate of these beds during alert level 1 or zero

What follows is data for each of the relevant 3 units, an average monthly occupancy for each month of 2019.

Month	CICU %	DCCM %	PICU %	ICU %
Jan	71%	69%	92%	77%
Feb	81%	48%	85%	72%
Mar	90%	70%	85%	83%
Apr	67%	79%	67%	70%
May	90%	74%	83%	83%
Jun	84%	76%	94%	85%
Jul	93%	79%	106%	93%
Aug	87%	92%	116%	98%
Sep	92%	74%	93%	87%
Oct	85%	72%	101%	86%
Nov	89%	78%	74%	81%
Dec	80%	79%	83%	81%
2019 year	84%	74%	90%	83%

I trust this information answers your questions.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. 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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