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Re: Official Information Act request – Covid-19 Hospitalisations

I refer to your official information request transferred from the Ministry of Health to NRHCC on 11 November 2021 for the following information:

Is it possible to get a breakdown of some information about Covid-19 patients who've been hospitalised since the start of the August outbreak? I've heard there are a few patients that have been hospitalised for more than month.

- 1. How many patients have there been?**
- 2. How long have they each stayed in hospital?**
- 3. How many have had to go into ICU and how long have they each stayed there (as part of their total time in hospital)? And were they on a ventilator when in ICU?**
- 4. How many of these patients were vaccinated when they presented at hospital?**

If there are any other details that can be provided too (eg. age, ethnicity, sex) that would be appreciated.

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.

The data below relates to the period 17 August to 18 November 2021.

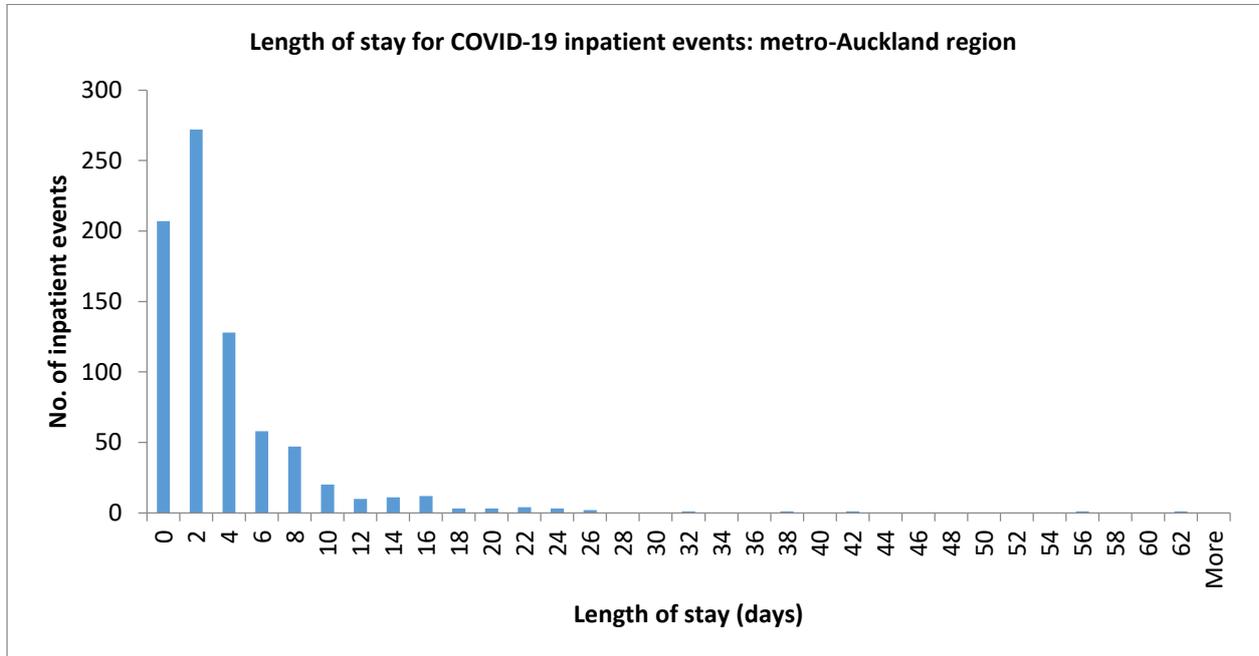
1. How many patients have there been?

As of midday 18 November 2021, there have been 870 patient events since 17 August 2021. Noting that some of these events are transfers between hospitals or services eg. Waitakere Hospital to North Shore Hospital.

This equates to 704 individuals. 309 were Māori, 295 Pacific, 36 Asian and the rest were of other ethnicities. The average age of those individuals admitted was 41 years.

2. How long have they each stayed in hospital?

There was variance in length of stay (LOS). The shortest LOS was less than 1 day, the longest LOS (of those discharged to date) = 61 days. Most stays were under 10 days.

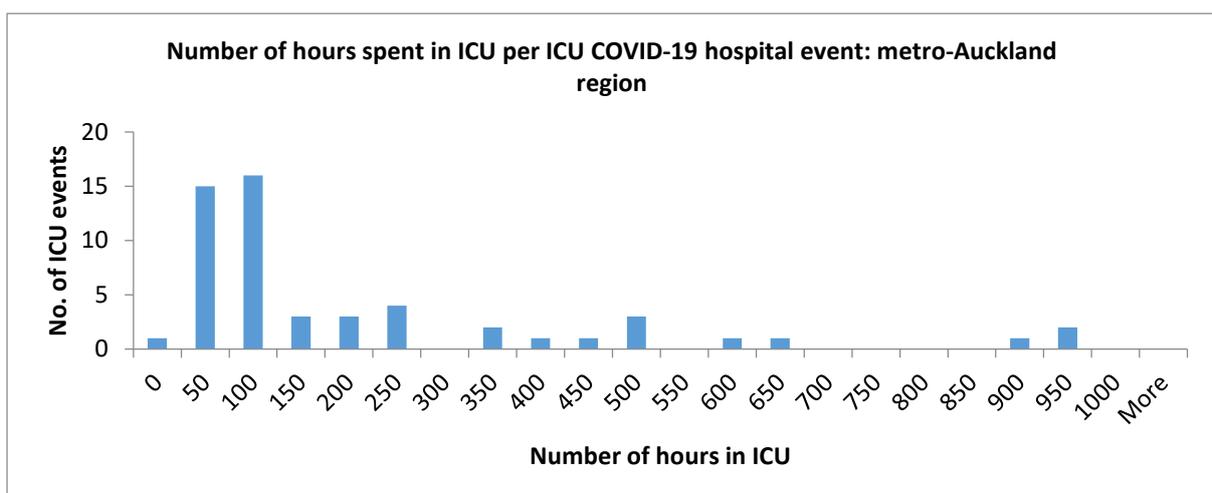


3.1. How many have had to go into ICU?

There were 54 ICU events (for 50 individual patients) – the additional events mostly represent transfers between hospitals.

3.2. How long have they each stayed there (as part of their total time in hospital)?

Hours in ICU ranged from less than one hour to 950 hours (almost 40 days).



3.3. Were they on a ventilator when in ICU?

9 patient events required ventilation (7 individuals).

4. How many of these patients were vaccinated when they presented at hospital?

Vaccination Status*	Number	Percentage
Unvaccinated	513	72.9%
1 Dose	124	17.6%
Fully vaccinated	67	9.5%

** per individual patient*

Of those that had had a first dose, 59 of these had had that dose less than 2 weeks before their case was reported.

Of those that were fully vaccinated, 17 of these had had that dose less than 2 weeks before their case was reported.

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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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