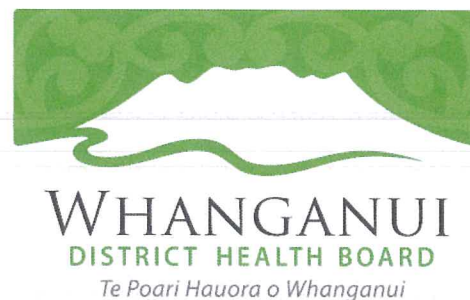


15 February 2021

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Via email: john@nzaca.org.nz

Dear Simon

Official Information Act Request – OIA 13318 Aged Care Admissions

On 15 January 2021, under section 12 of the Official Information Act, you requested the following information from Whanganui District Health Board (WDHB):

1. Does Whanganui DHB have goals, targets, or objectives for current or future admissions to Aged Residential Care? These targets could be expressed in terms of an absolute numbers, annual percentage changes, or changes in age-specific ARC utilisation rates. If the answer is yes, could you please supply documents or links to web pages and documents.
2. Has Whanganui DHB analysed the cost of providing home support to older people with high or complex needs compared to the cost of funding them in aged residential care? As an indication, we are referring to older people with scores of 4 or 5 on the interRAI MAPLE scale, or 2 or above on the ADL Hierarchy scale, in their most recent interRAI Home Care assessment. If the answer is yes, could you please provide a copy of the report. If that is not possible, please provide:
 - the name of the study or report
 - when it was completed (most recently if there have been several)
 - a brief outline of the scope of the study
 - the principal findings of the study.

Whanganui District Health Boards response:

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WDHB monitors access to long-term ARC to identify demand patterns, including levels of care, ethnicity and demographics. The DHB does not have ARC admission targets as access is based on the individual's assessed need and circumstances. What is important to the WDHB is that each older person's high and complex support needs are supported in the most appropriate environment for the older person and their whānau. The WDHB has a strategy He Hāpori Ora – Thriving Communities, where every bed matters, including ARC beds.

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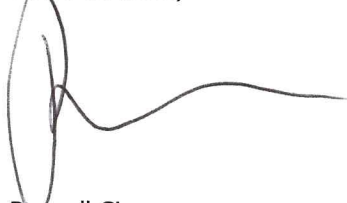
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The DHB has not undertaken an analysis on the cost of providing home support to older people with high or complex needs compared to the cost of funding this group in aged residential care.

Should you have any further queries about the above information, please contact our OIA co-ordinator Anne Phoenix at anne.phoenix@wdhb.org.nz

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Russell Simpson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Russell Simpson
Chief Executive