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D Griffiths

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Dear D Griffiths

Official Information Act Request – OIA 13186 Bed Occupancy in ICU wards

Under section 14 of the Official Information Act, the Whanganui District Health Board (WDHB) received a full transfer of your request from the Ministry of Health on 19 October 2020. You requested the following information in relation to ICU beds.

- What is the maximum bed occupancy in ICU (intensive care units) across all hospitals in New Zealand, in total?
- What has been the bed occupancy rate (% of beds occupied in ICUs) by week / month (whichever time period data is available) across the same hospitals in question above, for the period 15th March 2020 to 1st October 2020

The Whanganui District Health Board response:

- **What is the maximum bed occupancy in ICU (intensive care units) across all hospitals in New Zealand, in total?**

For Whanganui District Health Board, there are 6 beds in CCU.

- **What has been the bed occupancy rate (% of beds occupied in ICUs) by week / month (whichever time period data is available) across the same hospitals in question 1 above, for the period 15th March 2020 to 1st October 2020**

For Whanganui DHB CCU bed utilisation weekly average, please see the table attached on page 2.

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



Russell Simpson
Chief Executive

Attachment: Whanganui DHB Critical Care Unit – Utilisation weekly average

Week beginning	Percentage Utilisation
15/03/2020	92%
22/03/2020	69%
29/03/2020	71%
5/04/2020	72%
12/04/2020	94%
19/04/2020	88%
26/04/2020	87%
3/05/2020	83%
10/05/2020	83%
17/05/2020	64%
24/05/2020	85%
31/05/2020	100%
7/06/2020	91%
14/06/2020	94%
21/06/2020	101%
28/06/2020	100%
5/07/2020	94%
12/07/2020	102%
19/07/2020	98%
26/07/2020	95%
2/08/2020	95%
9/08/2020	102%
16/08/2020	93%
23/08/2020	101%
30/08/2020	92%
6/09/2020	86%
13/09/2020	102%
20/09/2020	92%
27/09/2020	102%
Grand Total	90%