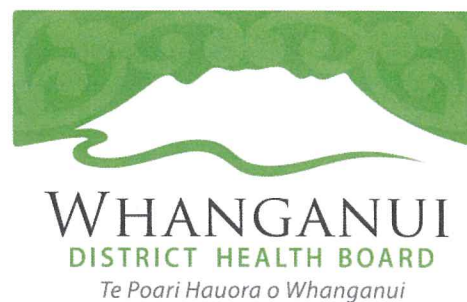


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Tēnā koe Jessica

**Official Information Act Request – OIA 14115 Number of Days Hospital Was Either Code Red or Code Black**

On 31 January 2022, under section 12 of the Official Information Act, you requested the following information from Whanganui District Health Board (WDHB):

This pertains to Whanganui DHB and the number of days spent in specific codes over the past year. Specifically I'm interest in days spent in Code Red (where a hospital is considered "extremely overloaded") and Code Black (where capacity issues are considered critical.)

We'd like to know the following information -

1. How many days, if any, did hospitals in Whanganui DHB spend in Code Red from January 01 2021 – December 31 – 2021
2. How many days, if any, did hospitals in Whanganui DHB spend in Code Black from January 01 2021 – December 31 2021.

**Whanganui District Health Boards response:**

**1. How many days, if any, did hospitals in Whanganui DHB spend in Code Red from January 01 2021 – December 31 – 2021**

In the above time period, there were 53 days in which Whanganui Hospital spent all or part of the day in Code Red.

**2. How many days, if any, did hospitals in Whanganui DHB spend in Code Black from January 01 2021 – December 31 2021.**

Whanganui Hospital spent no time in Code Black in the above time period.

Under section 28(3) of the Act you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review any decisions made under this request. The Ombudsman may be contacted by email at:

[info@ombudsman.parliament.nz](mailto:info@ombudsman.parliament.nz) or by calling 0800 802 602.

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

Ngā mihi



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