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Tēnā koe Richard

### **Official Information Act Request – OIA 13535 Wellington Airport Closures**

On 1 June 2021, under section 12 of the Official Information Act, you requested the following information from Whanganui District Health Board (WDHB)

“Please could you provide all information you may have regarding the effects on aeromedical transfer of patients caused by Wellington Airport’s night-time runway closures during 2020-2021

- 1) The number of patients affected (who could not be transferred, were taken to other airports, or transfer was delayed) & assessment of any harm caused to them
- 2) Any assessment of the financial cost to Whanganui DHB’s aeromedical services caused by Wellington Airport runway closures”

### **Whanganui District Health Boards response:**

#### **1) The number of patients affected (who could not be transferred, were taken to other airports, or transfer was delayed) & assessment of any harm caused to them.**

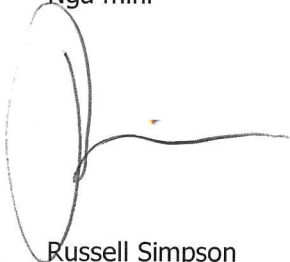
One patient was transported to Paraparaumu during the shutdown. Any other evening transfers during this time were early enough to be transferred to Wellington airport directly.

#### **2) Any assessment of the financial cost to Whanganui DHB’s aeromedical services caused by Wellington Airport runway closures”**

There has been no financial assessment of costs undertaken by the WDHB.

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)

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