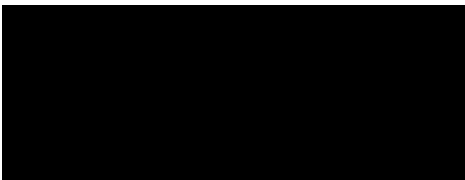


23 November 2021



Dear 

**Re: Official Information Act**

I am responding on behalf of Taranaki District Health Board (DHB) to your OIA request of 28 October 2021. You have requested the following information:

- *The current number of fully-staffed ICU beds for mechanically ventilated patients or multiple organ support for adults.*
- *The current number of fully-staffed ICU beds for mechanically ventilated patients or multiple organ support for children.*

Taranaki DHB has 6 fully staffed ICU beds that can be used interchangeably for adults or children.

Please note:

- In total Taranaki DHB has a 15 bed unit which includes ICU, HDU and CCU beds, and 1 procedure room bed which can be used for inpatient care. These 16 beds are used fluidly.
- Taranaki DHB will admit children to ICU for stabilisation but if they need ongoing intensive care, particularly if require intubation and ventilation, they would be transferred to a PICU (e.g. Starship).

There are however a number of children, though small, that we care for locally in ICU. This is done with support of Intensivists / anaesthetists as well as PICU specialists from tertiary providers.

- *The typical occupancy rate of these beds during alert level 1 or zero*

On an average day the number of beds in use in ICU is 3 beds.

I trust the above information answers your OIA request.

Kind regards



Gillian Campbell  
Chief Operating Officer