

5 November 2021

Dear [REDACTED]

Re: Official Information Act

I am responding on behalf of Taranaki District Health Board (DHB) to your OIA request of 22 October 2021. You have requested the following information:

I would like to know the exact number of treatment beds/wards/hospital staff that are available now for people who are admitted into Taranaki Base hospital for care due to Covid related illnesses or whereby Covid is the catalyst or a contributing factor for admission.

I was informed it was 5 beds/spaces however this number seems woefully, ludicrously low so can you please tell me what the actual number is, as at 22nd October.

Taranaki DHB's COVID planning enabled us to be very flexible with beds and staffing requirements for patients that are COVID positive depending on the need/demand.

In terms of bed numbers, we have 6 intensive care beds and 60 medical beds all of which can be set up to accommodate patients that are COVID positive if required. In addition to this we have beds in other specialty units, including paediatrics and maternity where patients that are COVID positive can be cared for.

In summary should it be required we have the facility to manage people in the emergency department, adult wards, children's ward and maternity as required.

I trust the above information answers your OIA request.

Kind regards



Gillian Campbell
Chief Operating Officer