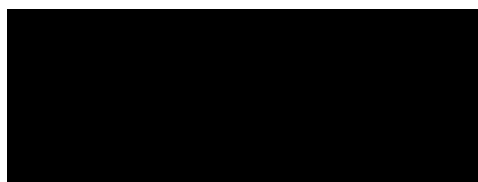


6 October 2021



Dear 

Re: Official Information Act

I am responding on behalf of Taranaki District Health Board (DHB) to your OIA request of 14 September 2021. You have requested the following information:

1. *How many intensive care unit (ICU) beds are available at Taranaki DHB that meet the staffing requirements outlined in the College of Intensive Care Medicine (CICM) minimum standards for Level I, II, III and Paediatric ICUs?*

We have 6 rooms that meet the ICU criteria for level 2 unit. Only patients admitted into the "ICU" category fall under the care of an ICU intensivist. All other patients are in HDU under their speciality consultant.

2. *What is the DHB's current Clinical Priority Assessment Criteria (CPAC) threshold for each speciality?*

Specialty	CPAC Threshold - surgery
Dental	No lower threshold
ENT	>=63
General surgery / vascular	>=56
Gynaecology	>=75
Ophthalmology	>=57
Orthopaedics	>=78
Urology	>=31

3. *What were the CPAC thresholds over the previous 5 years and how many patients were declined treatment (FSA or surgery) due to capacity of the service to deliver?*
 - A number of CPAC scoring tools have changed within the last 5 years which makes it difficult to compare the thresholds. For example General surgery was >=61 but this is equivalent to >=56 on the new tool. The only specialties that have had their thresholds actively changed in the last 5 years are Orthopaedics which was recently raised to >=78 from >=70 and Gynaecology from >=56 to >=75. All others have remained constant
 - 12,638 patients were declined an FSA in the last 5 years. (It is difficult to determine if these patients were declined solely due to a capacity restriction).

- 661 patients are recorded as declined Below capacity threshold for surgery. This information is captured in our patient management system and does not include patients who were not entered into the system. In some specialties, where the threshold score is not met, the consultant advises the patient at the time and a waitlist entry is not created and therefore there is no data.

I trust the above information answers your OIA request.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gillian Campbell", followed by a period.

Gillian Campbell
Chief Operating Officer