

18 February 2022

Dear 

Re: Official Information Act

I am responding on behalf of Taranaki District Health Board (DHB) to your OIA request of 3 February 2022. You have requested the following information:

1. *Does your DHB have a palliative care service?*

Taranaki DHB has an in reach service, which is provided from Hospice Taranaki.

2. *If yes, what is its annual budget?*

This service is provided by Hospice Taranaki.

3. *How many palliative care specialists do you employ?*

This service is provided by Hospice Taranaki.

4. *How many DHB FTEs are dedicated to palliative care and what are their job titles (eg CNS, nurse practitioner, allied health)?*

- SMO and CNS are employed by Hospice Taranaki and provide an in reach service 5 days/week to acute wards.
- End of Life Facilitator – 0.8FTE

5. *Do all palliative patients have access to telephone 24/7 specialist palliative care advice and support?*

Yes via Hospice Taranaki.

6. *Do all palliative care patients have access to visits from district nurses and General Practitioners 24/7, wherever they are located - home, care home, rural and urban?*

Palliative care access will depend on the care plan in place for the individual; collectively GPs, District Nurses and Hospice deliver 24/7 palliative care. This includes access to support and urgent care after hours across Taranaki.

7. *Do all palliative patients (no matter where located) have access to assessment and care from multidisciplinary specialist palliative care teams?*

Yes via Hospice Taranaki.

8. *Do all patients admitted to hospital have access to multidisciplinary specialist palliative care teams?*

Yes via Hospice Taranaki.

9. *How many FTEs do you have dedicated to implementation of end of life care pathways and advanced care planning?*

0.8FTE Advanced Care Planner and for end of life pathway.

10. *When are people referred to palliative care, by whom and how close to death?*

This is varied and based on individual needs; we do not capture this information in our electronic systems and would require a manual audit process.

11. *How much annual funding do you provide for local hospice services?*

Up to \$3,077,517.78 depending on demand; this includes Community Palliative & End of Life funding.

I trust the above information answers your OIA request.

Kind regards



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Chief Operating Officer