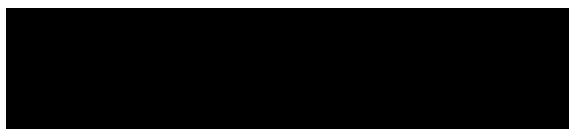
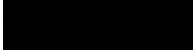




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Dear 

Official Information Act Request

Thank you for your request dated 21 February 2022 received as a transfer from the Ministry of Health on 22 March 2022, for information relating to COVID-19 at Waikato Hospital. Pursuant to the Official Information Act 1982, I enclose the information which is covered by your request.

- **COVID-19 hospitalisation directly related to COVID-19 and COVID-19 only**

There were zero people hospitalised directly related to COVID-19 and COVID-19 only.

- **COVID-19 hospitalisation where patient was admitted for another reason and COVID-19 was detected after arriving at the hospital**

During the period 01 February 2021 to 30 January 2022 a total of 96 people were admitted where COVID-19 was detected as one of the diagnosis.

- **Intensive Care Unit (ICU) and High Dependency Unit (HDU) beds used for COVID-19 only infections**

Waikato Hospital has six ICU / HDU beds allocated specifically for COVID-19 patients. Should the numbers of COVID-19 patient numbers requiring critical care increase above this, there is an escalation plan to convert further sections in the non COVID-19 area within Critical Care for use for COVID-19 patients.

- **ICU and HDU beds used for non-COVID-19 conditions where a COVID-19 test after arriving at the hospital showed infection**

During the period 01 February 2021 to 30 January 2022 a total of 1 patient was admitted into the non COVID-19 end of Critical Care, and subsequently tested positive to COVID-19, necessitating a move into the COVID-19 bed.

Waikato DHB supports the open disclosure of information to assist community understanding of how we are delivering publically-funded healthcare. This includes the proactive publication of anonymised Official Information Act responses on our website from 10 working days after they have been released.

Yours sincerely

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