

22nd November 2021

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Official Information Act Request for – Fully Staffed ICU Beds

I write in response to your Official Information Act request received by us 28th October 2021, you requested the following information:

Could I please get the following information for each public hospital in your DHB, broken down by hospital. If a hospital in your DHB has none, please list zero.

- 1. The current number of fully-staffed ICU beds for mechanically ventilated patients or multiple organ support for adults.**
- 2. The current number of fully-staffed ICU beds for mechanically ventilated patients or multiple organ support for children.**
- 3. The typical occupancy rate of these beds during alert level 1 or zero**
Please exclude high acuity beds, for coronary care or high dependency care beds with oversight. I am interested in the definition given here for intensive care beds under the direct oversight of ICU teams: <https://www.anzics.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/Responding-to-COVID-in-Aotearoa-New-Zealand-October-2021.pdf>
- 4. If you have plans to increase the number of beds which match the definition above, please include how many more beds you plan to have and when you plan to have them by.**

Counties Manukau Health Response:

For context Counties Manukau Health (CM Health) employs over 8,500 staff and provides health and support services to people living in the Counties Manukau region (approx. 601,490 people). We see over 118,000 people in our Emergency Department each year, and over 2,000 visitors come through Middlemore Hospital daily.

Our services are delivered via hospital, outpatient, ambulatory and community-based models of care. We provide regional and supra-regional specialist services i.e. for orthopaedics, plastics, burns and spinal services. There are also several specialist services provided including tertiary surgical services, medical services, mental health and addiction services.

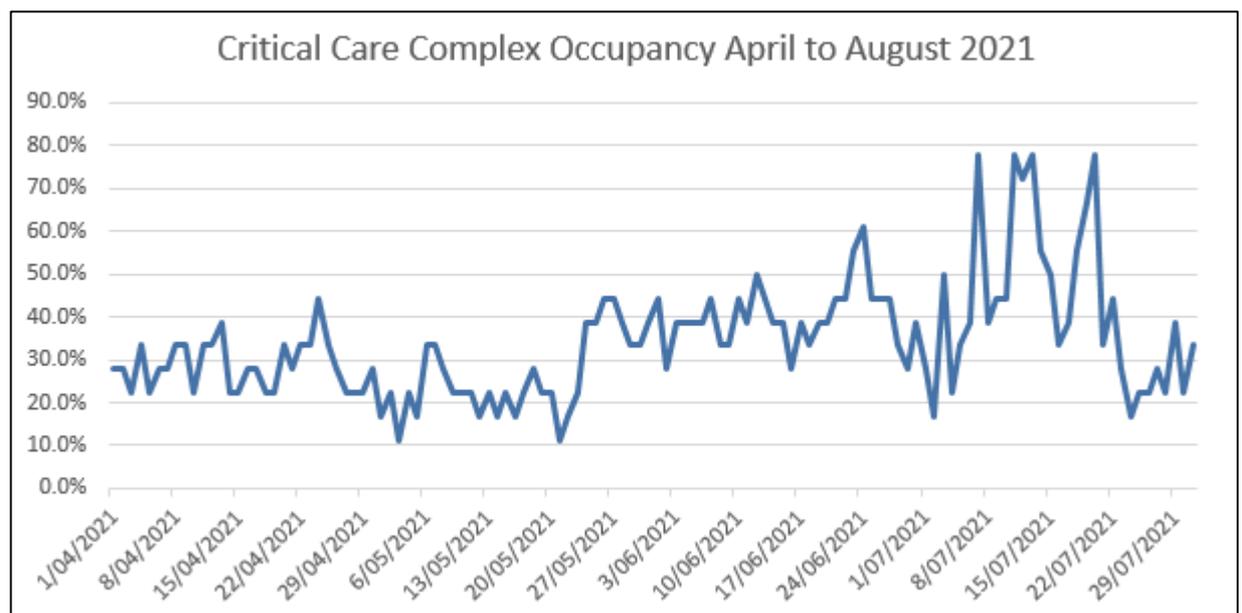
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CM Health's Critical Care Complex is fully staffed for 12 Intensive Care Unit (ICU) beds and 6 High Dependency Unit beds. The 12 ICU beds can be used for both adults and paediatric patients who can be mechanically ventilated and provide multi organ support.

Resourced beds can change daily based on the complexity of the patients and the resources necessary to provide care for the mix of patients in the unit at any time.

3. The typical occupancy rate of these beds during alert level 1 or zero

As we provide regional plastic, hand and burn specialist services, supra-regional spinal services and national burn services, ICU occupancy can vary. The below graph shows Critical Care Complex occupancy (including ICU & HDU) from April to August 2021 when New Zealand was in Covid-19 National Alert Level 1.



4. If you have plans to increase the number of beds which match the definition above, please include how many more beds you plan to have and when you plan to have them by.

CM Health is currently working through Care Capacity Demand Management (CCDM) and will increase beds based on appropriate nursing models.

I trust this information answers your request. You are entitled to seek a review of the response by the Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or Freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that this response or an edited version of this may be published on the Counties Manukau Health website. If you consider there are good reasons why this response should not be made publicly available, we will be happy to consider this.

Yours sincerely

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