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Via email: Matt.Nippert@nzme.co.nz

Dear Matt

Official Information Act Request – Ventilator Stockpiles

On 31 March 2020, under section 12 of the Official Information Act, you requested the following information from Whanganui District Health Board (WDHB):

The number of ventilators held by your organisation on March 31, 2020.

Average usage rate for such equipment over the 2019 calendar year

Expected or modelled monthly surge demand for such equipment caused by the Covid-19 outbreak

Whanganui District Health Boards response:

The number of ventilators held by your organisation on March 31, 2020.

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Average usage rate for such equipment over the 2019 calendar year

This information is not collected but we ventilate around 80-90 patients per year for up to two or three days per patient

Expected or modelled monthly surge demand for such equipment caused by the Covid-19 outbreak

We do not have this information currently

Should you have any further queries about the above information, please contact our OIA co-ordinator Anne Phoenix at anne.phoenix@wdhb.org.nz

Yours sincerely

Russell Simpson **Chief Executive**

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