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Tēnā koe Sophie

Official Information Act Request – OIA 14094 Availability of Beds For ARC and General Hospital

On 19 January 2022, under section 12 of the Official Information Act, you requested the following information from Whanganui District Health Board (WDHB):

1. Since March 2020 have you had to reduce the number of beds you can offer for aged residential care?
2. How many beds did you offer in March 2020, and how many do you offer now?
3. If so, what has caused the DHB to reduce the number of age residential care beds available?
4. Have you had to reduce the number of general hospital beds available since March 2020?
5. If so, what has caused the DHB to reduce the number of general beds available?
6. How many general hospital beds were available in your catchment area in March 2020, and how many general hospital beds are available now?

Whanganui District Health Boards response:

1. Since March 2020 have you had to reduce the number of beds you can offer for aged residential care?

The WDHB has not had to reduce the number of beds for age residential care.

2. How many beds did you offer in March 2020, and how many do you offer now?

567 age residential care beds in March 2020
567 age residential care beds in January 2022

3. If so, what has caused the DHB to reduce the number of age residential care beds available?

Not applicable

4. Have you had to reduce the number of general hospital beds available since March 2020?

Whanganui DHB has not had to reduce the number of general hospital beds available since March 2020.

5. If so, what has caused the DHB to reduce the number of general beds available?

Not applicable.

6. How many general hospital beds were available in your catchment area in March 2020, and how many general hospital beds are available now?

In March 2020, Whanganui hospital had 92 general beds available; this excludes ED/AAU, Paediatrics/SCBU, Maternity/Labour, and Mental Health.
There has been no change to the number of available beds.

Under section 28(3) of the Act you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review any decisions made under this request. The Ombudsman may be contacted by email at: info@ombudsman.parliament.nz or by calling 0800 802 602.

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

Ngā mihi



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