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D Griffiths

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Dear D Griffiths

RE Official information request CDHB 10454 and WCDHB 9484

We are writing to acknowledge your email dated 10 October 2020 to the Ministry Health and which they subsequently transferred to us on 19 October 2020, requesting the following information under the Official Information Act from Canterbury DHB and West Coast DHB. Specifically:

- 1. What is the maximum bed occupancy in ICU (intensive care units) across all hospitals in New Zealand, in total.**
- 2. What has been the bed occupancy rate (% of beds occupied in ICUs) by week / month (which ever time period data is available) across the same hospitals in question 1 above, for the period 15th March 2020 to 1st October 2020.**

We will consider your request against the provisions of the Official Information Act (see below) and advise you of our decision regarding the release of information within 20 working days (being the statutory timeframe provided within the Act.)

Accordingly, and taking into account the public holiday for Labour Day, we will notify you, no later than 18th November 2020, of our decision.

Your request is being handled by Kathleen Smitheram. If you have any queries, please feel free to contact either myself (details above) or Kathleen. (Kathleen.smitheram@cdhb.health.nz; Phone (03) 364-4134). Please refer to the OIA number above when phoning or emailing.

If any additional factors come to light which are relevant to your request, please do not hesitate to contact us so that these can be taken into account.

Yours sincerely

Ralph La Salle
Team Leader, Planning & Funding

15 Decisions on requests

(1) Subject to this Act, the department or Minister of the Crown or organisation to whom a request is made in accordance with [section 12](#) or is transferred in accordance with [section 14](#) of this Act or [section 12](#) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 shall, as soon as reasonably practicable, and in any case not later than 20 working days after the day on which the request is received by that department or Minister of the Crown or organisation,—

(1)(a) decide whether the request is to be granted and, if it is to be granted, in what manner and for what charge (if any); and

(1)(b) give or post to the person who made the request notice of the decision on the request

[If we are unable to make a decision on your request by the date noted above, we will notify you of an extension of that timeframe.]