

05 November 2021

Luke

By email to: [fyi-request-17096-fa921d62@requests.fyi.org.nz](mailto:fyi-request-17096-fa921d62@requests.fyi.org.nz)

Dear Luke

**Re Official Information Request for Nurses at Auckland City Hospital**

I refer to your official information request dated 08 October 2021 for the following information:

**I am writing to request the number of nurses employed at Auckland City Hospital, and how many are scheduled to work in the event of a major COVID-19 outbreak. These questions relate to Auckland City Hospital only. Specifically:**

- a) How many Nurses are currently employed at Auckland City Hospital?**
- b) What is the planned maximum number of Nurses designated to work on COVID-19 wards in the event of a major COVID-19 outbreak?**
- c) How many Nurses have resigned since May 5, 2021?**
- d) How many Nurses working in ICU have resigned since May 5, 2021?**
- e) What is the maximum number of COVID-19 patients ADHB believes it can reasonably admit to Auckland City Hospital?**
- f) What is the planned maximum number of ICU beds that is available in the event of a major COVID-19 outbreak?**

**By "currently employed", I ask for staff employed as of October 3, 2021, or if unavailable, the most recent date to that as possible. Similar reasoning applies to c) and d).**

**By "major COVID-19 outbreak" I mean an outbreak that would represent a worst-case scenario as planned for by ADHB.**

#### **Response**

We are unable to provide a response within the normal timeframes due to our response to COVID-19, as our clinicians, managers and staff are concentrating on measures to manage the current COVID-19 Delta outbreak in the region.

Given these circumstances you will, therefore, understand that we do not currently have the capacity to respond with our normal timeliness to OIA requests and, depending on how the outbreak spreads, we may not have the capacity for some time to come.

It is therefore necessary to extend the time required to make a decision on your request for information in accordance with section 15A of the Official Information Act. This is because the information cannot reasonably be identified, collated or reviewed by the necessary people within 20 working days without unreasonably interfering with our operations. As such, we expect that a decision will be made on your request and communicated to you by 15 November (10 working days from the due date of your request). However, we will endeavour to get the response to you as soon as possible within this timeframe, if possible.

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 at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely,



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**Chief Executive**