

7 April 2022

Mr. Melvin

By email: fyi-request-18794-326ad1fe@requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear Mr Melvin

Official Information Act Request

On 7 March 2022 you sent a request for information under the Official Information Act 1982 to the Ministry of Health (reference H202203650), who transferred your request to ESR on 25 March 2022. The request transferred to ESR was as follows:

As of Monday March 7th, I would like to know how many cases of the Delta variant are currently being treated in hospital, and if possible, a breakdown by DHB.

Our response to your request

As of Monday March 7th, I would like to know how many cases of the Delta variant are currently being treated in hospital, and if possible, a breakdown by DHB.

ESR does not know how many delta cases remained in hospital on 7 March 2022.

ESR identified 13 Delta cases that are recorded as hospitalised in EpiSurv¹ since January this year although the discharge dates have only been entered for 3 cases.

Of the remaining ten cases with no discharge date there was 1 in Capital and Coast, 2 Bay of Plenty, 1 Lakes, 2 Hawkes Bay, 3 Waitemata and 1 Waikato.

Your right to seek a review

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Thank you for your request.

Yours sincerely



Jill Vintiner

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¹ EpiSurv collates notifiable disease information on a real-time basis from the Public Health Services in New Zealand.