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Dear Antony

Official Information Act (OIA) Request

Your OIA request of 31 December 2016 is acknowledged and has been passed on to me for response. You have requested the following information.

- **Could you please provide the total number of hospital beds from 2006 to 2016 at MidCentral District Health Board. Yearly count will be great. Please note that the bed volume is the count of physical bed capacity (i.e. bed spaces). The count includes beds, roller beds, lazy boys, etc. The data does not include patient occupancy volumes.**

MidCentral DHB does not have a singular data source for the bed count over past years. In addition, when the current hospital building was erected there were established bed spaces (please see 'Bed Space' column attached). Over time some have been permanently decommissioned, whilst others have been closed and are now used on a flexible basis. The flexibility of a bed space might occur for a set period, e.g. over the winter period, or it could be on a day-by-day basis. As beds are brought up from storage as required, the lack of a bed in a space does not mean that the space cannot be used.

Based upon the example that you have supplied from Auckland DHB, it is unclear as to how they have defined your question in regard to a physical bed space as they will also have clinical areas that will be opened and closed as required.

It is hoped that the attached information will fulfil your request.

If you have any further questions regarding this response, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



Lyn Horgan
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WARD/UNIT	BED SPACE in 2006	BED SPACE in 2016	BED USAGE	COMMENTS
Medical Assessment & Planning Unit (MAPU)	0	17	13	Additional 4 beds can be used during winter. Unit opened in 2009 using half a surgical ward
Total	0	17	13	
Medical – Ward 25	32	32	27	Additional 5 beds opened during winter. Summer bed base commenced in 2015. 5 beds closed summer 2016/17. Additional individual beds used during times of high inpatient capacity.
Medical – Ward 26	32	32	27	
Medical – Ward 28	14	14	14	
Coronary Care Unit	6	6	6	
Total	84	84	74	
Surgical – Ward 24	32	32	27	5 beds closed in 2010. Additional individual beds used during times of high inpatient capacity. 2006-2009 was a 32 bed ward. 2009 - 17 beds taken for MAPU and 1 bed space converted to an eye examination room 5 beds closed in 2010. Additional individual beds used during times of high inpatient capacity. Open Monday to Friday as required re patient suitability. Opened in 2009 using Women's Health Unit beds spaces that had not been required. Closed December 2015. Bed spaces have remained closed.
Surgical – Ward 27	32	14	14	
Surgical – Ward 29	32	32	27	
Surgical Short Stay Unit (SSSU)	6	6	6	
Women's Surgical Unit	0	8	0 (closed)	
Total	102	92	74	
Intensive Care Unit	6	4	4	Used on a flexible basis as required
High Dependency Unit	0	2	2	
Total	6	6	6	
Oncology & Haematology – Ward 23	21	20	18	1 bed space decommissioned. 2 bed spaces used on a flexible basis
Total	21	20	18	
Children's Neonatal Unit	22	22	22	Used on a flexible basis as required
	17	17	14	
	39	39	36	
Women's Health-Maternity Ward	32	24	24	Eight beds were not used, temporary usage as a Women's Surgical Unit
Women's Health Delivery Suite	8	8	8	
Total	40	32	32	
Rehabilitation Ward – Elder Health	28	28	28	In 2012 the two rehabilitation wards combined as one unit and eight beds were permanently closed.
Rehabilitation Ward – under 65	8	0		
Total	36	28	28	
Mental Health - Adult	28	28	24	
Mental Health – Elder Health	15	15	15	
Total	43	43	39	

ED beds in bays	16	16	16	Resus & assessment trolleys
ED beds in Minors Area	6	6	6	5 trolleys & 1 chair
ED Observation Area	8	8	8	5 trolleys & 3 chairs
Total	30	30	30	
Day use only				
Transitory Care Unit	14	14	13	8 reclining chairs 5 beds 1 bed closed due to location within unit
Renal Unit	15	15	15	
Renal Self Care Unit	6	6	6	
Radiotherapy	3	5	5	
Imaging Rooms	14	14	14	
General Theatres	7	7	7	
Endoscopy theatre	2	2	2	
Total	61	63	63	
Horowhenua Hospital Ward	24	24	20	4 beds closed in 2015
Horowhenua Maternity beds	5	5	5	
Total	29	29	25	
GRAND TOTAL	491	483	438	