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Dear Anthony

Subject: Official Information Act request Re: bed occupancy

Thank you for your request for information under the Official Information Act received by Lakes DHB on 16 January 2018. You have asked for:

1. Bed occupancy rates at the public hospital/hospitals from July 2007 to June 2016. Please note that I would like monthly data on this. However, if monthly data is not available, please specify the reason.

2. If monthly data is unavailable, the next preference will be quarterly data, if quarterly is not available then I will accept half-yearly. Furthermore, as last resort yearly data.

3. I am also willing to accept data on bed occupancy rates at random intervals within a year.

Please also include the method used to calculate bed-occupancy rates by your DHB if it is available.

Response:

Lakes DHB is only able to provide bed occupancy from the 2010/11 financial year when our patient management systems changed. We are unable to provide any information prior to this time.

The Occupied Bed Numbers include Mental Health Inpatient Unit, Children's Unit, CCU/ICU, Older Persons & Rehab, Medical, Surgical and Orthopaedic Units, excluded are Peri Operative, Chemotherapy, Renal Dialysis, Day Stay, Special Care Baby Unit and Maternity.

| Fiscal Year | 2010/11 | 2011/12 | 2012/13 | 2013/14 | 2014/15 | 2015/16 | 2016/17 |
|--------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| July | 87% | 81% | 86% | 80% | 82% | 84% | 78% |
| August | 84% | 84% | 80% | 84% | 81% | 81% | 74% |
| September | 84% | 88% | 81% | 81% | 80% | 74% | 76% |
| October | 75% | 85% | 80% | 82% | 69% | 77% | 70% |
| November | 84% | 82% | 79% | 74% | 70% | 80% | 74% |
| December | 71% | 77% | 68% | 68% | 67% | 71% | 65% |
| January | 74% | 76% | 68% | 76% | 68% | 68% | 65% |
| February | 75% | 79% | 74% | 75% | 71% | 72% | 68% |
| March | 75% | 76% | 70% | 76% | 76% | 81% | 73% |
| April | 77% | 75% | 74% | 74% | 70% | 80% | 70% |
| May | 79% | 75% | 78% | 80% | 72% | 80% | 75% |
| June | 81% | 79% | 80% | 81% | 81% | 81% | 76% |

The rate is based on the total physical bed spaces available in the units. This is not the resource bed rate which will be more difficult to calculate as it will vary from day to day depending on available nurses and other factors.

Yours sincerely



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