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Official Information Act Response

Thank you for your request for information under the Official Information Act, which was received by Lakes District Health Board Clinical Services on the 23rd October 2018. You have asked for:

I have been searching for the number of bed at DHB and found that the statistics on bed count by DHB from 20013 to 2015 are available. However, it seems that the bed count at each DHB in 2016 and 2017 have not been updated.

Could you please kindly provide me the number of available beds as well as occupancy rate at each DHB in 2016 and 2017.

Response:

To Note:

The following numbers includes Mental Health Acute Inpatient beds and Special Care Bay Unit cots but exclude Emergency Department Cubicles, Theatre Recovery beds and Maternity Delivery beds.

Question 1

The number of available beds at each DHB for 2016 and 2017.

Response

Lakes DHB hospital services have a total of 210 available beds across Rotorua and Taupo Hospital sites for both 2016 and 2017.

Question 2

The occupancy rate at each DHB for 2016 and 2017.

Response

The occupancy rate is related to resourced bed numbers which varies dependent on season and other factors. Lakes DHB patient management systems indicate that the average occupancy rate fluctuated between 85 and 100% during the 2016 and 2017 years.

We have responded to your questions to the best of our ability based on the information available, and hope that this response covers your questions.

Please note we may publish this letter (with your personal information removed) on Lakes DHB's website.

Yours sincerely

Ron Dunham Chief Executive