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Dear Thai Quoc Khanh

**Re Official Information Request for number of available beds**

I refer to your Official Information Act request of 13 October 2018 transferred to Auckland DHB by the Ministry of Health on 19 October 2018 for the following information:

**The number of available beds as well as occupancy rate at each DHB in 2016 and 2017.**

The information you have requested is provided below:

Occupancy rate for the year (based on midnight occupancy of resourced inpatient beds):

	<b>ADULT</b>	<b>CHILD</b>	<b>WOMEN'S</b>
2016	89%	74%	68%
2017	90%	73%	66%

Average inpatient beds available (physical beds resourced with clinical staff):

	<b>ADULT</b>	<b>CHILD</b>	<b>WOMEN'S</b>
2016	677	151	120
2017	678	147	120

We have not included mental health beds. We have also excluded day case, post-operative recovery, emergency department trollies and other non-overnight beds from our answer. Please note that our occupancy and resourced beds available fluctuates throughout the year in response to patient need. There are usually more patients requiring inpatient care in winter months for example, than during the summer. We have provided annualised figures above.

You are entitled under the Official Information Act section 28(3) to seek a review of this response. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

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Yours faithfully



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Chief Executive