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Re **Official Information Request – Capacity to deal with COVID-19**

I refer to your official information request dated 16 March 2020 requesting the following information.

I'm writing on behalf of Stuff with a number of questions about your DB's capacity to deal with COVID-19. These questions are going to all DHBs. While an answer to all of them would be preferable, please feel free to ring me if you are able to get some of the data easily but are having trouble with the other questions. Our deadline is 5pm Tuesday.

Stuff believes this information is strongly in the public interest at the present moment. As such we believe treating it as an Official Information Act request would be unnecessary, we will be noting which DHBs were not able to get back to us and would appreciate comment on why the information was not to-hand.

I'm aware you will all have had a request from my colleague Hannah Martin on COVID-19 preparedness. This is a separate request although I appreciate there may be some crossover - hopefully that makes responding somewhat easier!

RESPONSE:

Site	Auckland Hospital	Starship	Greenlane	Mental Health
1. Number of hospital beds	1073	191	31	157 (inpatient)
2. General bed currently available	878 resourced	148 resourced beds	24 of these are resourced beds	103 (as at 07/05/2020)

3. Number of ICU beds	50 ¹	22 ²	0	0
4. Available ICU beds	37 resourced	22 resourced beds	0	0
5. Negative pressure isolation rooms	31	18	0	1

6. How many ventilators do you have?

48 ICU ventilators, 8 transport ventilators (adults)

22 ICU ventilators, 3 transport ventilators (Starship)

7. How many non-invasive ventilation machines?

16 non-invasive ventilation machines

8. How many ventilators are in-use?

14 adults, 7 children today (8/05/2020) (this number varies every hour)

9. Are any more ventilators being ordered in? If so, how many, and roughly how much do they cost per-unit?

None from ADHB as have been ordered nationally by the MoH. Cost is approximately \$60-75,000.

10. How many ICU consultants do you have on staff?

Auckland Hospital has 21 and Starship has 9 ICU Consultants on staff.

11. How many respiratory physicians do you have on staff?

There are 9.79 FTE respiratory physician positions at Auckland Hospital, filled by 14 people.

12. How many general medicine physicians?

There are 17.3 FTE general medicine physicians at Auckland Hospital, filled by 25 people.

13. How many anaesthetists do you have on staff?

There is a headcount of 140 Specialist anaesthetists with a mix of full-time, part-time and Intensive Care commitments, inclusive of Starship.

14. How many anaesthetic registrars do we have able to intubate a patient?

60 anaesthesia registrars and senior house officers able to intubate patients.

¹ Noting Auckland DHB's COVID-19 planning included the confirming of prepared ICU contingency plans to increase ICU bed and resourcing capacity if required.

² NICU beds are excluded as they do not contribute to assist in managing capacity for COVID-19

I trust this information answers your questions.

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

Please note that this response, or an edited version of this response, may be published on the Auckland DHB website.

Yours faithfully



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Chief Executive

