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RE Official information request CDHB 10324

We refer to your email dated 1 June 2020 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act from Canterbury DHB re Covid-19 hospitalisation costs. Specifically:

- 1. The total cost to the DHB from Covid-19 hospitalisations, between February 28 and May 27, broken down by the reasons for the costs;**

Costs relating to patients hospitalised for positive or suspected Covid-19 totalled \$6.7M¹. This includes \$0.6M for Emergency Department costs and \$6.1M for Inpatient costs. Included in the total is costs of the transfer of Community patients (Rosewood Rest Home) to a ward set up at Burwood Hospital. These costs include all direct costs plus overheads relating to provision of care.

- 2. The total number of Covid-19 patient admissions between February 28 and May 27, broken down by whether they were in HDU, ICU or general/medical beds;**

There were 866 patient admissions relating to either positive or suspected Covid-19 cases (20 of the cases were positive). The majority of these were in Medical beds. 35 admissions spent some time in ICU, note that none of the ICU patents were Covid-19 positive.

Of the 20 positive cases 10 were part of the Rosewood Rest Home cohort.

- 3. The total number of bed days related to Covid-19 patients;**

A total of 4,302 bed days were used by positive or suspected Covid-19 patients.

- 4. The total number of Covid-19 patients who required the support of a ventilator while in hospital under DHB care.**

Zero

¹**Please note:** While your questions were specifically hospital based, the response to COVID was across the whole Canterbury health system including primary care, mental health, community providers as well as private hospitals and totalled in excess of \$35M.

I trust that this satisfies your interest in this matter.

Please note that this response, or an edited version of this response, may be published on the Canterbury DHB website after your receipt of this response.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Carolyn Gullery', with a long, sweeping underline.

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