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RE Official information request CDHB 10808

I refer to your email dated 31 January 2022 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act from Canterbury DHB. Specifically:

This pertains to Canterbury DHB and the number of days spent in specific codes over the past year. Specifically, I'm interested in days spent in Code Red (where a hospital is considered "extremely overloaded") and Code Black (where capacity issues are considered critical.)

- 1. How many days, if any, did hospitals in Canterbury DHB spend in Code Red from January 01 2021 December 31 2021.
- 2. How many days, if any, did hospitals in Canterbury DHB spend in Code Black from January 01 2021 December 31 2021.

We do not operate a code red/black system at Canterbury DHB.

Using occupancy as an indicator of capacity constraints; resourced occupancy was over 90% for our Medical & Surgical services at Christchurch Hospital during the 2021 calendar year on 342 days (94% of days in year). We can also advise that Christchurch Emergency Department occupancy was over 90% on 364 days (99% of days in the year).

I trust that this satisfies your interest in this matter.

Yours sincerely

Ralph La Salle Senior Team Leader OIAs Canterbury DHB & West Coast DHB