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### RE Official Information Act request CDHB 10843

I refer to your email dated 21 February 2022 to the Ministry of Health which they transferred to us on the 22 March 2022 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act from Canterbury DHB, Specifically:

**The dates for the period of the request are March 2020 to 21 Feb 2022.**

#### 1. Covid hospitalisation directly related to covid and covid only.

In the current pandemic wave we have enhanced our systems to enable the identification of patients admitted directly due to COVID, or patients admitted who were COVID positive but the admission reason was incidental to COVID. Unfortunately, we do not have this information for admissions before this wave. To do so would require reviewing clinical notes which we are declining to do pursuant to section 18(f) of the Official Information Act i.e. *"...the information cannot be made available without substantial collation or research"*.

From 1 March 2020 to 21 February 2022 we have had a total of 24 admissions of patients who tested COVID positive (note that this is 20 distinct patients). Five of those events are deemed admitted due to COVID and the remaining 19 are unknown (prior to current wave). **Note** that this figure does not include the 10 Covid positive residents transferred from a Canterbury Rest Home to Burwood Hospital in 2020.

Please refer to **Table one** (below) Covid admissions to hospital by calendar year.

**Table one:**

Calendar Year	Admission Directly Related to COVID	Unknown if Admission Directly Related to COVID or Incidental	Total
2020	0	15	15
2021	0	4	4
2022 <sup>1</sup>	5	0	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>24</b>

<sup>1</sup> As at 21/2/2022

<sup>2</sup> Due to the very small numbers of patients involved we are declining to provide the information weekly as requested pursuant to section 9(2)(a) of the Act to protect individual privacy.

#### 2. Covid hospitalisation where patient was admitted for another reason and covid was detected after arriving at the hospital.

All patients in the current pandemic wave (from Feb '22) are being tested for COVID before being admitted.

**3. ICU and HDU beds used for covid only infections.**

We have no ICU/HDU beds used only for COVID infectious patients, bed allocation is based on demand.

**4. ICU and HDU beds used for non-covid conditions where a covid test after arriving at the hospital showed infection.**

We have no ICU/HDU beds used only for non-COVID condition patients, bed allocation is based on demand.

I trust that this satisfies your interest in this matter.

You may, under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act, seek a review of our decision to withhold information by the Ombudsman. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://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 Canterbury DHB website after your receipt of this response.

Yours sincerely

  

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