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RE Official information request CDHB 10290

We refer to your email dated 16 March 2020 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act from Canterbury DHB regarding preparations for COVID-19. We note that our Communications team have provided you with the Ministry of Health link for a response to questions 3 and 5.

<https://www.health.govt.nz/news-media/news-items/covid-19-novel-coronavirus-update-25-february> and we will respond to the following questions:

1. How many hospital beds are in your DHB?

Table one: Canterbury DHB Hospital beds

Hospital	Beds
Christchurch	726
Burwood	231
Ashburton	52
Rural Services	39
Chatham Islands	3

Notes;

Bed numbers are as at January 2020 surveillance audit return.

The following services are excluded from the count – Aged Residential Care, Maternity, & Mental Health.

Day case spaces of 63 are included however some of these may be chairs rather than beds.

2. How many beds are currently available?

Christchurch Hospital is currently operating at about 45% occupancy, to put this in context we normally run at 85% average physical occupancy.

4. How many ICU beds are available?

Of the 23 total ICU beds, there were 12 ICU beds available (11 occupied) as at 30/3/2020.

6. How many ventilators do you have?

Canterbury DHB has 34 ventilators.

7. How many non-invasive ventilation machines?

Canterbury DHB has 43 non-invasive ventilation machines.

8. How many ventilators are in-use?

There were nine ventilators in use as at 2.45p.m. on 18 March 2020

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

Six ventilators have been ordered.

- Four devices will cost approx. \$77,000 each
- Two devices will cost approx. \$47,000 each

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

Canterbury DHB has 11(SMOs) ICU consultants and two Fellows (on SMO MECA). ICU has 20 Registrars.

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

Canterbury DHB has 13 Respiratory Physicians on staff

12. How many general medicine physicians?

General medicine has 28 general medicine physicians.

13. How many anaesthetists do you have on staff?

Canterbury DHB has 69 anaesthetists on staff.

Note: this number excludes five Medical Officers, who are anaesthetists, but not yet vocationally registered, and two anaesthetists who are on parental leave and one person who is on leave.

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

Canterbury DHB has 28 anaesthetic registrars who can intubate a patient. **Note:** this excludes two Registrars who are on Parental Leave.

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



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