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RE Official information request CDHB 9963

We refer to your website enquiry (dated 23 October) and subsequent Official Information Act request dated 30 October 2018 requesting the following information from Canterbury DHB.

23/10/2018

- Could you tell me how many beds at Burwood Hospital have pressure relieving mattresses and in which areas e.g. geriatrics, rehab etc?
- If the hospital has moved to pressure relieving mattresses across the board (or in specific areas); could you tell me when this change took place? And what this looks like?

30/10/2018

I understand that Burwood Hospital recently (in the last 12 months) purchased pressure relieving (higher-specification) foam mattresses for patient beds. Please could you tell me:

- How many inpatient beds; and,
- For which wards, i.e. geriatrics, geriatrics or rehab,
- When were these mattresses put in place?
- What is the current operating capacity of the hospital re: inpatient beds?

Overall we have, on average, 229 resourced beds at Burwood Hospital.

The majority of mattresses that we own have self-adjusting (pressure relieving) technology as part of the mattress. These mattresses are spread throughout the services and are moved as needed, some services have only the higher specified mattresses e.g. Spinal and Older Persons Health (which were changed over a three year period 2010 to 2013) whilst other services may have only one. Surgical services do not have any.

We also rent for individual patients, as clinically required on a case by case basis, air mattresses that hold a higher level of specification.

In the 12 month period ending October 2018, two of the higher specification foam mattresses have been purchased - one for our Spinal Service and the other for the Older Persons Health Service (one in September the other in October).

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 horizontal line extending to the right.

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