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RE Official information request CDHB 10416

I refer to your email dated 10 September 2020 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act from Canterbury DHB. Specifically:

1. How has Covid-19 affected staffing? In terms of staying home as if the slightest bit sick.

While we require our people to stay home if they are unwell, we are seeing less illness amongst our employees compared to previous years, so we are able to manage our staffing within our usual practices.

2. What was your rate of sick leave from March - September 2019 compared to the same period 2020?

Our average rate of sick leave taken per FTE between 01 March 2020-31 August 2020 is **5.3% lower** than the same period in 2019.

3. How has the DHB managed this?

Last year the Canterbury DHB launched a 'leave care' programme. This programme is a concerted effort across the organisation to support people to take better care of themselves, with a new approach to leave management.

It is about the organisation working with our people, understanding what is going on for them and helping them plan their leave to ensure they are getting the breaks that they need to look after their wellbeing and also providing earlier intervention and support to staff when we notice absences of concern.

4. What was the DHB's average occupancy rate for March - September 2019 compared to the same period 2020? Can this please be broken down by month rather than lumped together.

Please refer to **Table one** (below).

Table one: Average occupancy March – August 2019 compared to same period 2020.

CHRISTCHURCH HOSPITAL OCCUPANCY*										
	2019	2019	2019	2019	2019	2020	2020	2020	2020	2020
	Actual	Beds - Physical	Beds - Resourced	Physical Occupancy	Resourced Occupancy	Actual	Beds - Physical	Beds - Resourced	Physical Occupancy	Resourced Occupancy
March	434	538	490	81%	88%	391	538	452	73%	87%
April	433	538	491	80%	88%	342	538	414	64%	83%
May	459	538	508	85%	90%	386	538	453	72%	85%
June	471	538	515	88%	92%	458	538	512	85%	89%
July	482	538	518	90%	93%	474	538	519	88%	91%
August	475	538	518	88%	92%	468	538	515	87%	91%

*Wards included at Christchurch Hospital only - excludes maternity, children's, ICU, day surgery, ED Obs

5. Has this resulted in the DHB having to activate an action plan or escalation plan for wards? i.e. adults being put on children wards where there is more staffing etc.

Canterbury DHB has a ward action plan for use if we get a large influx of Covid cases. This does not involve adults being put into Children's wards. It has not been required. Please find attached as **Appendix 1**.

Note: We have redacted information in Appendix 1 pursuant to section 9(2)(b)(ii) of the Official Information Act i.e. "... would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information."

I trust 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; 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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STAMP IT OUT

AMAU EAST = 17 beds

3 N-Class

2 Singles

12 Curtain Iso

PAEDS – Ward 22

16 singles

Women's Health - Maternity

2 N class rooms

26 single rooms

***Surgical patients suspected of COVID-19 will transfer to AMAU**

COVID-19 – STAMP IT OUT

ED / GP  **AMAU EAST**

3 N-class rooms

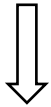
2 Single

12 Curtain ISO

Indication for N-class room hi-flow oxygen

Single rooms will need to be prioritised – clinical discussion required

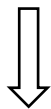
N-class rooms full AMAU



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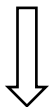
2 N-class rooms

7 Single



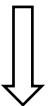
Ward 10

1 N-class room



Ward 11

1 N-class room

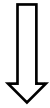


Ward 25

2 N-class rooms

MANAGE IT

ICU Full on 23



Option 1. Move into six theatres then x 2 vent spaces in PACU

- Assume non-deferrable elective surgery taken down

*Source Ventilators from ^{9(2)(b)(ii)} [REDACTED]

**Viable option according to Maintenance and Engineering 2/3/20*

= 31 ICU spaces co-located

Option 2

Utilise St George's 6 ICU beds/1 N class room

= 29 ICU spaces split sites

Wards

N-class rooms fully utilised

AMAU East fully utilised

GYNAE n class and single rooms fully utilised



Move to ward 23/27 to cohort COVID-19