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Dear 

Official Information Act

Thank you for your request dated 31 January 2022 pursuant to the Official Information Act 1982. You have requested the following information:

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

We'd like to know the following information -

- *How many days, if any, did hospitals in Waikato DHB spend in Code Red from January 01 2021 – December 31 – 2021*
- *How many days, if any, did hospitals in Waikato DHB spend in Code Black from January 01 2021 – December 31 2021.*

Waikato DHB does not utilize the model that you have requested for this information. The escalation framework Waikato DHB uses includes Orange Level 98%-104% occupancy and Red Level which exceeds 104% occupancy and is utilized also when an emergency incident response is in place.

For the period you have requested there were 60 days in Orange and no days in Red due to occupancy.

Waikato DHB supports the open disclosure of information to assist community understanding of how we are delivering publically-funded healthcare. This includes the proactive publication of anonymised Official Information Act responses on our website from 10 working days after they have been released.

We trust the information provided covers your request.

Yours sincerely



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