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Via Email: [REDACTED]

Response to a request for official information

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request for official information, as transferred from the Ministry of Health to all DHBs and received 19 October 2020 by Nelson Marlborough Health (NMH)¹, followed by the necessary extension of time 17 November 2020, where you seek the following information:

- 1. What is the maximum bed occupancy in ICU (intensive care units) across all hospitals in New Zealand, in total.**

NMH response: The DHB hospital reporting system does not electronically capture maximum bed occupancy. As such, we decline to respond under section 18(g) of the Act in *that the information requested is not held by the department or organisation.*

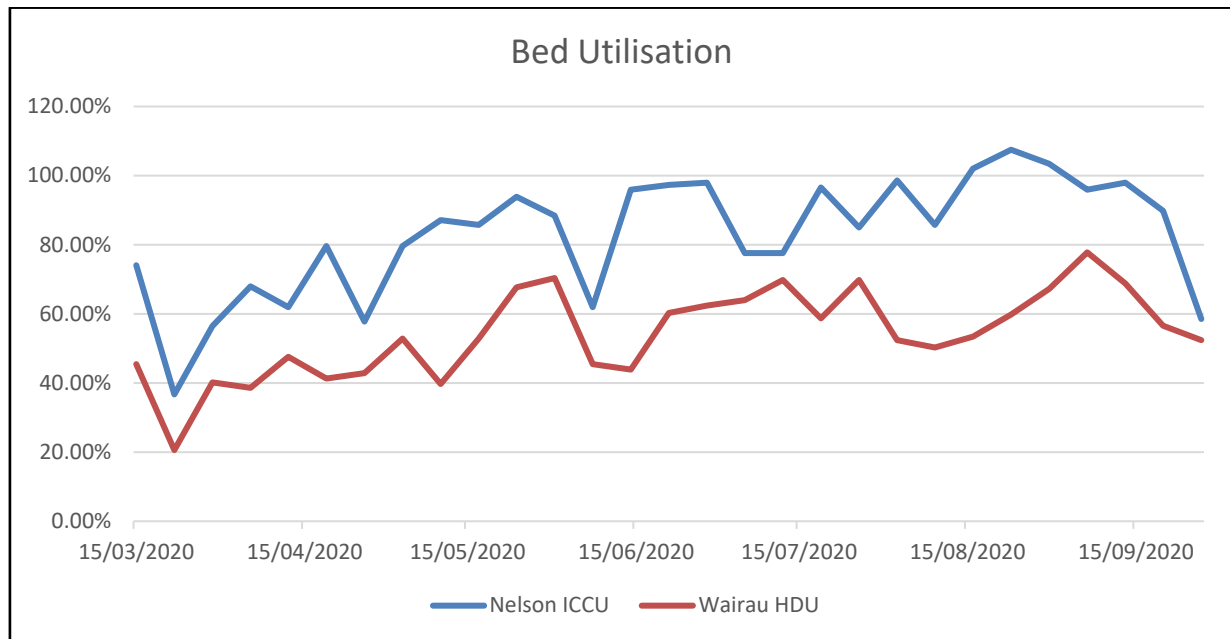
- 2. What has been the bed occupancy rate (% of beds occupied in ICUs) by week /month (which ever time period data is available) across the same hospitals in question 1 above, for the period 15th March 2020 to 1st October 2020.**

NMH response: The DHB hospital reporting system does not electronically capture the overall bed occupancy rate. As such, we decline to respond under section 18(g) of the Act in *that the information requested is not held by the department or organisation.*

For your information, Graph One on the following page depicts the bed utilisation rate across all three shifts as an indication of occupancy across our Intensive Coronary Care Unit (ICCU) and High Dependency Unit (HDU) 16 beds for the specified time-frame.

¹ Nelson Marlborough District Health Board

GRAPH ONE



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If you have any questions about this decision please feel free to email our OIA Coordinator OIArequest@nmdhb.govt.nz I trust that this information meets your requirements. NMH, like other agencies across the state sector, supports the open disclosure of information to assist the public's understanding of how we are delivering publicly-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. If you feel that there are good reasons why your response should not be made publicly available, we will be happy to consider.

Yours sincerely

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