27 October 2020

D. Griffiths

By email: fyi-request-13948-66d23009@requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear D Griffiths

**Re: Official Information Act Request**

I refer to your Official Information Act request received on 19 October 2020 by transfer from the MOH, in which you specifically requested the following:

***“I would like to know:***

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

***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”***

South Canterbury DHB’s response to this is:

1.SCDHB have an eight-bed combined ICU/CCU. These beds can flex to either ICU or CCU patients depending on the need (rather than having 4/4 beds for ICU/CCU).

2. Please refer to the table on appendix 1.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review of our decision by the Ombudsman. The Ombudsman's Office can be contacted on 0800 802 602 or on-line at <http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz/>

Kind regards

Stefanie Green

SLT Administrator

**South Canterbury DHB**

**Appendix 1**

**Timaru Hospital ICU/CCU Inpatient Occupancy**

**March 2020 to September 2020**

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| **Ward** | **Month** | **Resourced Inpatient Occupancy** |
| ICU/CCU | Mar-20 | 58% |
| ICU/CCU | Apr-20 | 39% |
| ICU/CCU | May-20 | 48% |
| ICU/CCU | Jun-20 | 59% |
| ICU/CCU | Jul-20 | 51% |
| ICU/CCU | Aug-20 | 62% |
| ICU/CCU | Sep-20 | 62% |