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Dear Antony,

**RE Official information request WCDHB 9079**

I refer to your email dated 12 January 2018, received in our office 15 January 2018, requesting the following information under section 12 of the Official Information Act from West Coast DHB.

- 1. Bed occupancy rates at the public hospital/hospitals from July 2007 to June 2016. Please note that I would like monthly data on this. However, if monthly data is not available, please specify the reason. If monthly data is unavailable, the next preference will be quarterly data, if quarterly is not available then I will accept half-yearly. Furthermore, as last resort yearly data. I am also willing to accept data on bed occupancy rates at random intervals within a year.***

Please find attached as **Appendix 1** a table of average monthly occupancy for each of our hospital facilities for the periods 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2016 as requested. This data excludes occupancy for long-stay age care residents that have at times been co-located on our acute service hospital campuses.

Please note that ward configurations as well as available and resourced bed numbers at all three of our hospitals have varied over the years of your request period. Excluding long-stay beds for age residential care, we currently generally resource and operate 62 inpatient beds at Grey Base Hospital (including medical, surgical, maternity and acute mental health beds, but excluding Day Unit beds); three inpatient general medical beds at Reefton; and 12 inpatient beds (including medical and maternity) at Buller.

Please note that this response, or an edited version of this response, may be published on the West Coast DHB website.

I trust that this satisfies your interest in this matter.

Yours sincerely

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**APPENDIX 1: Average bed occupancy (number of patients per month) at West Coast DHB Hospitals 2007/08 – 2015/16.\***

**Grey Base Hospital: Medical, Surgical, Maternity and Acute mental health beds, but excluding Day Unit beds.\***

GREY BASE	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June
<b>2007/08</b>	48.26	47.87	47.47	43.81	49.50	41.19	45.58	40.14	45.29	51.70	51.00	48.53
<b>2008/09</b>	48.26	44.32	45.37	46.10	45.83	37.39	41.45	41.50	46.65	41.90	45.68	44.03
<b>2009/10</b>	40.97	44.58	47.80	46.29	45.37	39.90	38.97	47.29	45.74	48.83	42.26	42.63
<b>2010/11</b>	39.74	44.48	47.33	44.90	46.37	43.00	45.29	48.68	53.23	54.30	50.81	55.43
<b>2011/12</b>	52.90	49.74	51.57	45.81	45.17	38.87	42.94	41.45	41.55	37.93	42.45	42.93
<b>2012/13</b>	45.58	47.13	52.17	42.74	42.57	34.81	33.35	39.79	40.19	40.47	43.32	39.10
<b>2013/14</b>	41.55	41.81	37.73	38.45	40.20	36.48	42.68	38.29	40.32	39.57	41.90	43.67
<b>2014/15</b>	47.97	38.81	46.30	45.45	37.53	35.32	35.23	41.96	36.26	36.97	36.32	47.17
<b>2015/16</b>	51.77	57.81	48.87	41.32	46.23	34.32	35.35	37.45	39.35	32.57	39.71	45.83

**Please note:** The information above is for the average number of patients per month and not the average percentage of patients per month.

**Buller Hospital: Inpatient medical and maternity beds\***

<b>BULLER</b>	<b>July</b>	<b>August</b>	<b>September</b>	<b>October</b>	<b>November</b>	<b>December</b>	<b>January</b>	<b>February</b>	<b>March</b>	<b>April</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>June</b>
<b>2007/08</b>	6.10	5.74	6.50	7.94	5.73	4.77	5.48	5.21	5.48	5.53	5.19	5.23
<b>2008/09</b>	4.74	7.48	7.07	7.19	5.47	4.29	5.06	4.14	5.19	5.07	6.03	6.33
<b>2009/10</b>	6.87	5.71	5.67	7.19	5.60	4.77	3.87	5.71	5.94	5.57	6.42	5.80
<b>2010/11</b>	7.00	5.97	7.23	5.16	5.10	3.61	5.61	5.32	7.32	4.97	3.68	5.07
<b>2011/12</b>	4.74	5.68	4.97	5.52	7.93	5.74	4.94	6.45	5.23	6.20	5.84	5.63
<b>2012/13</b>	6.32	4.58	7.20	6.13	6.13	5.71	6.35	3.61	4.06	5.30	4.00	6.00
<b>2013/14</b>	4.16	4.29	4.90	4.58	3.87	3.61	4.26	5.61	6.16	4.87	5.06	5.40
<b>2014/15</b>	4.97	4.19	5.47	4.29	5.00	4.94	3.84	3.46	5.52	4.13	5.58	5.93
<b>2015/16</b>	4.97	5.84	6.07	4.48	4.03	5.13	3.58	4.97	5.29	3.70	5.94	5.90

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**Reefton Hospital: Inpatient medical beds.\***

<b>REEFTON</b>	<b>July</b>	<b>August</b>	<b>September</b>	<b>October</b>	<b>November</b>	<b>December</b>	<b>January</b>	<b>February</b>	<b>March</b>	<b>April</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>June</b>
<b>2007/08</b>	2.00	1.94	1.77	1.26	2.13	1.87	3.16	1.31	0.10	0.77	1.23	0.43
<b>2008/09</b>	0.39	0.45	0.90	0.42	0.93	0.23	0.06	0.36	1.48	0.53	0.35	1.13
<b>2009/10</b>	0.39	0.39	0.17	0.16	0.13	0.06	0.32	0.64	1.19	1.07	1.97	1.50
<b>2010/11</b>	0.94	0.58	0.83	1.32	0.07	0.32	0.06	0.46	0.13	0.53	0.32	0.17
<b>2011/12</b>	0.74	0.42	0.77	1.06	0.83	0.19	0.45	0.07	0.10	1.20	1.65	2.23
<b>2012/13</b>	1.06	1.00	1.17	0.52	0.10	0.35	1.00	0.07	0.42	0.23	0.29	0.00
<b>2013/14</b>	1.00	1.06	0.47	0.45	0.03	0.10	0.23	0.04	0.10	0.10	0.26	0.03
<b>2014/15</b>	0.35	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.10	0.00	0.00	0.18	0.19	1.00	0.52	0.03
<b>2015/16</b>	0.00	0.00	0.73	1.00	1.07	1.10	1.68	1.00	0.71	0.07	0.32	0.20

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