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Dear Antony

## Official Information Act (OIA) Request

Your OIA request of 16 January 2018 is acknowledged and has been passed on to me for a response.

You have requested the following information;

- **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.**
- **Not crucial, but if you can also include the method used to calculate bed-occupancy rates by your DHB will be great.**

The following information has been calculated using the midnight bed occupancy census during the month, divided by days in that month. The number of available beds are those that are budgeted/resourced and on that basis are deemed to 'open'. Variations will occur due to events such as planned work in an area and/or seasonal planning.

All budgeted/resourced beds at Palmerston North hospital have been included. This is comprised of; acute medical and surgical beds, critical care units, children's and women's health beds, mental health units and rehabilitation beds.

<b>Palmerston North Hospital Bed Occupancy Rates By Month</b>			
<b>Month/Year</b>	<b>Actual Beds</b>	<b>Available Beds</b>	<b>Occupancy</b>
01/07/2007	303	294	103%
01/08/2007	303	308	98%
01/09/2007	295	319	92%
01/10/2007	297	321	92%
01/11/2007	291	319	91%
01/12/2007	289	308	94%

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01/01/2008	282	296	95%
01/02/2008	290	310	93%
01/03/2008	295	310	95%
01/04/2008	294	310	95%
01/05/2008	300	310	97%
01/06/2008	306	312	98%
01/07/2008	319	317	101%
01/08/2008	317	317	100%
01/09/2008	313	317	99%
01/10/2008	297	317	94%
01/11/2008	313	317	99%
01/12/2008	296	317	93%
01/01/2009	284	317	89%
01/02/2009	297	317	94%
01/03/2009	304	322	94%
01/04/2009	306	337	91%
01/05/2009	321	339	95%
01/06/2009	317	339	94%
01/07/2009	325	346	94%
01/08/2009	320	348	92%
01/09/2009	316	346	91%
01/10/2009	301	348	87%
01/11/2009	299	348	86%
01/12/2009	274	346	79%
01/01/2010	286	347	82%
01/02/2010	300	344	87%
01/03/2010	302	343	88%
01/04/2010	299	338	88%
01/05/2010	293	338	87%
01/06/2010	305	337	90%
01/07/2010	301	337	89%
01/08/2010	307	337	91%
01/09/2010	291	337	86%
01/10/2010	291	337	86%
01/11/2010	301	337	89%
01/12/2010	252	337	75%
01/01/2011	253	334	76%
01/02/2011	291	333	87%
01/03/2011	286	336	85%
01/04/2011	275	337	82%

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01/05/2011	288	337	85%
01/06/2011	297	337	88%
01/07/2011	303	337	90%
01/08/2011	301	337	89%
01/09/2011	294	337	87%
01/10/2011	297	337	88%
01/11/2011	299	337	89%
01/12/2011	272	336	81%
01/01/2012	275	329	83%
01/02/2012	286	333	86%
01/03/2012	286	333	86%
01/04/2012	287	333	86%
01/05/2012	297	333	89%
01/06/2012	306	333	92%
01/07/2012	303	333	91%
01/08/2012	312	333	94%
01/09/2012	305	333	91%
01/10/2012	307	333	92%
01/11/2012	307	333	92%
01/12/2012	284	332	86%
01/01/2013	267	330	81%
01/02/2013	298	333	89%
01/03/2013	306	336	91%
01/04/2013	301	337	89%
01/05/2013	294	337	87%
01/06/2013	304	337	90%
01/07/2013	315	337	94%
01/08/2013	314	337	93%
01/09/2013	317	337	94%
01/10/2013	308	337	91%
01/11/2013	304	337	90%
01/12/2013	276	337	82%
01/01/2014	284	333	85%
01/02/2014	299	337	89%
01/03/2014	312	337	93%
01/04/2014	313	337	93%
01/05/2014	301	337	89%
01/06/2014	324	337	96%
01/07/2014	315	337	93%
01/08/2014	319	337	95%
01/09/2014	317	337	94%

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01/10/2014	291	337	86%
01/11/2014	293	337	87%
01/12/2014	279	336	83%
01/01/2015	274	332	83%
01/02/2015	286	329	87%
01/03/2015	274	332	83%
01/04/2015	281	335	84%
01/05/2015	284	337	84%
01/06/2015	290	337	86%
01/07/2015	294	337	87%
01/08/2015	312	337	93%
01/09/2015	291	337	86%
01/10/2015	283	333	85%
01/11/2015	288	321	90%
01/12/2015	274	313	87%
01/01/2016	274	313	88%
01/02/2016	280	313	90%
01/03/2016	290	313	93%
01/04/2016	293	319	92%
01/05/2016	293	324	91%

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely



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