



West Coast District Health Board

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RE Official information request WCDHB 9408

We refer to your email dated 16 March 2020 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act from West Coast DHB regarding preparations for COVID-19. We note that our Communications team have provided you with the Ministry of Health link for a response to questions 3 and 5. <https://www.health.govt.nz/news-media/news-items/covid-19-novel-coronavirus-update-25-february> and we will respond to the following questions:

The answers given below is the current status as at 16 March 2020 (unless otherwise indicated) when you raised your Official Information Act request. **Please note** that these may change with time as the impact of any spread of the Covid-19 virus might develop and resources may need to be shifted in response to changing circumstance.

1. How many hospital beds are in your DHB?

<u>Buller Health</u> –	eight GP level medical beds, plus four maternity beds
<u>Reefton Health</u> –	three GP level medical beds
<u>Grey Base Hospital</u> -	47; being made up as follows:
• surgical beds – 17	
• medical beds – 17	
• critical care unit – four	
• paediatrics - four	
• maternity – five	

The numbers above for Grey exclude chairs used in areas such as post-surgical recovery, infusion and chemotherapy services, and the like. Also excludes six beds in emergency department (not used for formal inpatient admissions).

2. How many beds are currently available?

Bed occupancy changes regularly and is monitored by the team throughout each day. Please note that these may change with time as resources may need to be moved in response to changing circumstance. As at 30 March 2020 the following beds are currently available:

<u>Buller Health</u> –	five GP level medical beds, plus four maternity beds
<u>Reefton Health</u> –	three GP level medical beds
<u>Grey Base Hospital</u> -	36; being made up as follows:
• surgical beds – seven	
• medical beds – 17	
• critical care unit – four	
• paediatrics - three	
• maternity – five	

4. How many ICU beds are available?

The West Coast DHB has no ICU beds.

6. How many ventilators do you have?

7. How many non-invasive ventilation machines?

The West Coast DHB has five ventilators in total, three of which are invasive and two non-invasive.

8. How many ventilators are in-use?

No ventilators are currently in use.

9. Are any more ventilators being ordered in? If so, how many, and roughly how much do they cost per-unit?

No additional ventilators have been ordered.

In answering questions 10 – 14 below it should be noted that these numbers relate to how employees are identified in our employee database and does not necessarily reflect the skills held by employees not identified as working in the departments listed.

10. How many ICU consultants do you have on staff?

As the West Coast DHB has no ICU there are no consultants holding this role.

11. How many respiratory physicians do you have on staff?

No West Coast DHB doctors are identified as respiratory physicians.

12. How many general medicine physicians?

The DHB employs one doctor who is identified as a general medicine physician.

13. How many anaesthetists do you have on staff?

The West Coast DHB employs four anaesthetists.

14. How many anaesthetic registrars do we have able to intubate a patient?

The West Coast DHB does not employ any anaesthetic registrars.

I trust that this satisfies your interest in this matter.

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

Yours sincerely



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