



West Coast District Health Board

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RE Official information request WCDHB 9432

We refer to your email dated 1 June 2020 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act from West Coast DHB re Covid-19 hospitalisation costs. Specifically:

- ***The total cost to the DHB from Covid-19 hospitalisations, between February 28 and May 27, broken down by the reasons for the costs;***

West Coast DHB does not record, nor have the ability to report, the detail of costs of care down to the level of individual patient hospitalisations. We therefore decline to answer this question under section 18(g) of the Official Information Act i.e. “...that the information requested is not held . . .” and additionally under section 18(f) of the Official Information Act i.e. “...that the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation or research.”

- ***The total number of Covid-19 patient admissions between February 28 and May 27, broken down by whether they were in HDU, ICU or general/medical beds;***

West Coast DHB had two Covid-19 patient admissions between 28 February and 27 May 2020. One patient spent time both in our critical care unit as well as in a general bed during their admission. The other patient was admitted to a general bed located in a temporary isolation ward set up specifically for receiving Covid-19 inpatients.

- ***The total number of bed days related to Covid-19 patients;***

The total number of bed days related to the two Covid-19 patients was 112 days.

- ***The total number of Covid-19 patients who required the support of a ventilator while in hospital under DHB care***

Neither Covid-19 patient admission required the support of a ventilator while in hospital.

I trust that this satisfies your interest in this matter.

You may, under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act, seek a review of our decision to withhold information by the Ombudsman. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz; or Freephone 0800 802 602.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gullery', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

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