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RE Official information request WCDHB 9470

I refer to your email received 8 September 2020 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act from the West Coast DHB. Specifically:

For the period September 1 2019 to August 31 2020, a weekly breakdown of the following information:

- 1. Number of ED presentations.***
- 2. Number of overall hospital capacity.***
- 3. Number of the overall number of referrals received for first specialist assessments for planned care, and the number of FSA that took place. (subsequently clarified as relating to specialist medical and surgical services.)***

In regard to Question 1 and 3: Please find the answers to the elements of these two questions attached as **Appendices 1 – 3**. These volumes are given as per the week commencing on the date listed for the number of weekly Emergency Department (ED) presentations, referrals received, and Specialist FSAs undertaken. The exception in each Appendix is the information given for 31 August; being the start of a week in the time series requested, this data is given just for that single day.

In regard to Question 2: During the period 1 September 2019 and up to the last week of July 2020, the overall hospital capacity for ED, medical and surgical services beds at Grey Base Hospital was 48; made up as follows:

- surgical beds – 17
- medical beds – 17
- critical care unit – 4
- paediatrics - 4
- emergency (not used for formal admissions) - 6

The numbers listed above excludes inpatient maternity beds, acute mental health beds and the age residential care beds at the hospital, as well as chairs used in areas such as post-surgical recovery, infusion and chemotherapy services, and the like.

During the last week of July 2020, the main sections of the Grey Base Hospital incorporating medical, surgical, maternity, paediatric, ED and outpatient services were closed; with services being transferred

and moved across to a new facility on campus. This new building - Te Nikau Hospital and Health Centre – includes the following hospital bed capacities for ED, medical and surgical services:

- 32 beds in the General Ward
- 4 beds in Critical Care Unit
- 2 paediatric beds (noting that paediatrics can gain additional beds by utilising the acute medical assessment beds which are co-located adjacent to paediatrics, to allow capacity to increase in response to increased demand).
- 8 emergency department beds
- 4 acute medical observation beds.

This hospital capacity at Te Nikau likewise does not include the numbers of maternity inpatient beds or patient chairs used in day service treatment areas, such as the likes of the infusion and chemotherapy services; nor acute mental health beds and the age residential care beds that remain in service on the Grey hospital campus.

I trust 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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Appendix 1: Emergency Department Events By Week - WCDHB 9470

For events in Period: 2 September 2019 to 1 August 2020

Greymouth

<i>Week Starting</i>	<i>New</i>	<i>Follow-up Planned</i>	<i>Follow-up Unplanned</i>	<i>Total</i>
02/09/2019	211	9	14	234
09/09/2019	178	11	15	204
16/09/2019	203	15	22	240
23/09/2019	198	11	25	234
30/09/2019	196	9	14	219
07/10/2019	201	5	15	221
14/10/2019	195	12	14	221
21/10/2019	189	17	12	218
28/10/2019	180	17	19	216
04/11/2019	217	12	20	249
11/11/2019	192	7	8	207
18/11/2019	202	12	14	228
25/11/2019	224	9	20	253
02/12/2019	201	15	30	246
09/12/2019	219	12	13	244
16/12/2019	208	9	21	238
23/12/2019	230	12	6	248
30/12/2019	233	13	10	256
06/01/2020	240	18	14	272
13/01/2020	220	22	16	258
20/01/2020	223	24	24	271
27/01/2020	202	22	33	257
03/02/2020	193	16	16	225
10/02/2020	237	18	20	275
17/02/2020	196	19	10	225
24/02/2020	218	10	18	246
02/03/2020	229	15	16	260
09/03/2020	225	14	26	265

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	<i>New</i>	<i>Follow-up Planned</i>	<i>Follow-up Unplanned</i>	<i>Total</i>
16/03/2020	186	8	21	215
23/03/2020	130	15	14	159
30/03/2020	106	6	8	120
06/04/2020	116	8	12	136
13/04/2020	100	10	7	117
20/04/2020	129	13	8	150
27/04/2020	145	8	13	166
04/05/2020	126	9	10	145
11/05/2020	135	9	7	151
18/05/2020	174	12	8	194
25/05/2020	181	13	6	200
01/06/2020	158	9	9	176
08/06/2020	161	11	8	180
15/06/2020	193	12	15	220
22/06/2020	191	14	18	223
29/06/2020	177	15	18	210
06/07/2020	185	9	5	199
13/07/2020	185	15	13	213
20/07/2020	209	6	18	233
27/07/2020	142	6	6	154

Appendix 2: FSA Referrals Received - OIA WCDHB 9470

For Period: 02/09/2019 To 31/08/2020

	Total
02/09/2019	135
09/09/2019	99
16/09/2019	134
23/09/2019	135
30/09/2019	167
07/10/2019	99
14/10/2019	109
21/10/2019	101
28/10/2019	100
04/11/2019	106
11/11/2019	108
18/11/2019	117
25/11/2019	118
02/12/2019	99
09/12/2019	98
16/12/2019	78
23/12/2019	27
30/12/2019	54
06/01/2020	91
13/01/2020	68
20/01/2020	105
27/01/2020	135
03/02/2020	78
10/02/2020	92
17/02/2020	110
24/02/2020	115
02/03/2020	90
09/03/2020	114
16/03/2020	93
23/03/2020	56
30/03/2020	43

	Total
06/04/2020	22
13/04/2020	30
20/04/2020	39
27/04/2020	48
04/05/2020	80
11/05/2020	54
18/05/2020	104
25/05/2020	115
01/06/2020	89
08/06/2020	106
15/06/2020	115
22/06/2020	129
29/06/2020	115
06/07/2020	82
13/07/2020	117
20/07/2020	109
27/07/2020	96
03/08/2020	108
10/08/2020	78
17/08/2020	130
24/08/2020	112
31/08/2020	26

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Appendix 3: FSA's Completed - WCDHB 9470

For Period: 01/09/2019 to 31/08/2020

Number of FSA's By Week Starting

	Total
02/09/2019	99
09/09/2019	89
16/09/2019	77
23/09/2019	88
30/09/2019	107
07/10/2019	85
14/10/2019	106
21/10/2019	66
28/10/2019	98
04/11/2019	70
11/11/2019	125
18/11/2019	53
25/11/2019	61
02/12/2019	44
09/12/2019	134
16/12/2019	100
23/12/2019	1
06/01/2020	84
13/01/2020	101
20/01/2020	96
27/01/2020	106
03/02/2020	61
10/02/2020	110
17/02/2020	129
24/02/2020	94
02/03/2020	96
09/03/2020	51
16/03/2020	133
23/03/2020	94

	Total
30/03/2020	44
06/04/2020	2
13/04/2020	2
20/04/2020	75
27/04/2020	26
04/05/2020	40
11/05/2020	56
18/05/2020	45
25/05/2020	65
01/06/2020	84
08/06/2020	93
15/06/2020	105
22/06/2020	120
29/06/2020	78
06/07/2020	59
13/07/2020	100
20/07/2020	164
27/07/2020	86
03/08/2020	67
10/08/2020	71
17/08/2020	88
24/08/2020	93
31/08/2020	11

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