

Corporate Services



4 February 2022

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Dear [REDACTED]

YOUR OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT (1982) REQUEST HBDHB REF: OIA2021174

I refer to your Official Information Act request transferred to district health boards by the Ministry of Health on 16 December 2021 where you requested information from Hawke's Bay District Health Board (HBDHB). Your questions and HBDHB's response is provided below:

"OIA: What investment in the increased number of ICU beds by region and hospital, have been delivered, from 01 October 2019 to the date of your issuing the data."

Hawke's Bay DHB has not received any designated funding from the Ministry of Health to achieve additional ICU care spaces. The DHB has funded its own project which enabled two additional care spaces.

The two additional care spaces included room modifications, extract capability improvements and ensuring the care space is functional. The total cost of these works was \$145,000.00. HBDHB also spent approximately \$50,000.00 funding an ICU isolation suite upgrade, which focused on the exhaust system being upgraded.

The Ministry of Health funded oxygen supply environmental work which is currently underway. This includes care space specific conditioned air supply installation and medical gas upgrade work. This was estimated to cost \$85,000.00. There is further air systems work being planned but the funding for this is still to be confirmed.

In 2020 HBDHB also invested in and upgraded part of our endoscopy unit in readiness to act as surge capacity in the event of a significant outbreak. These upgrades mean that some of the care spaces can be used for Covid ICU patients should case numbers so require.

I trust this information meets your needs. If you would like any further information or clarification please phone me. If you are not satisfied with this response you may contact the Office of the Ombudsman, phone 0800 802 602.

Please note that this response, or an edited version of this response, may be published on the Hawke's Bay DHB website after your receipt of this response.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Chris Ash".

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