

# Corporate Services



23 March 2022

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Dear [REDACTED]

## YOUR OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT (1982) REQUEST HBDHB REF: OIA2022027

I refer to your Official Information Act request dated 14 March 2022 where you requested information from Hawke's Bay District Health Board (HBDHB). Your questions and HBDHB's response is provided below:

***..."outlining your DHB's policies in regards to support people for Covid19 positive birthing people."***

Hawke's Bay DHB has set aside its primary birthing unit Waioha, for pregnant women with COVID-19. Women admitted to Waioha for care are encouraged to have one well support person (regardless of COVID status) for the duration of their stay.

The support person will be provided with meals, a mattress for sleeping and shower facilities. In line with COVID recommendations, all support people are required to wear a surgical/N95 mask whilst in the hospital. This will be provided for them.

Additional visitors are not permitted to Waioha during this time and once the support person leaves the facility, they will not be able to return.

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".

Chris Ash  
Chief Operating Officer

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