

18 March 2022

Dear [REDACTED]

**YOUR OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT (1982) REQUEST HBDHB REF: OIA2022019**

I refer to your Official Information Act request dated 25 February 2022 where you requested information from Hawke's Bay District Health Board (HBDHB). Your questions and HBDHB's response is provided below:

- *How many hours per week, on average, are operating theatres undertaking elective planned care and acute procedures, listed elective theatre procedures, acute theatre procedures, and both of these two individually as proportions of overall theatre availability ?*
- *What percentage of overall available theatre time is currently not used and potentially available for elective planned care procedures listed as a percentage of overall available theatre time ?*

In reponse to question one, please see the table below.

		Average Available Hours Per Week	Average Operating Hours Per Week	Utilisation %
<b>Elective</b>		200	162	81.0%
<b>Acute</b>		48	34	70.8%
<b>Acute 24/7</b>	8am to 5pm	63	49	77.8%
	5pm to 8am	105	36	34.3%
	<b>Total</b>	168	85	50.6%

Operating hours include the time spent operating if a session starts early or finishes late. (Wheels-in to wheels-out of theatre).

**Elective:** Data provided for electives is based on available hours per week. There are five elective theatres \* eight hours \* five days. Average elective operating hours per week are calculated by dividing the hours for 12 months over 50 weeks. Only Monday to Friday are included in the operating hours.

**Acute:** Acute data provided is based on available hours per week utilising one theatre at eight hours, six days per week. Average operating hours per week are calculated by dividing the hours for 12 months over 50 weeks.

**Acute 24/7:** For acute 24/7 data, 8.00am to 5.00pm total operating hours spent is shown as a proportion of 63 hours per week (nine hours a day, seven days a week). For acute 24/7 data, 5.00pm to 8.00am is the total operating hours spent as a proportion of 105 hours per week (15 hours a day, seven days a week).

In response to question two, we have interpreted the phrase “available theatre time” to mean “available theatre sessions”. Hawke’s Bay DHB has used all elective sessions possible.

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', written in a cursive style.

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