

# Corporate Services



3 March 2022

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Dear [REDACTED]

## YOUR OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT (1982) REQUEST HBDHB REF: OIA2022010

I refer to your Official Information Act request dated 31 January 2022 where you requested information from Hawke's Bay District Health Board (HBDHB). Your questions and HBDHB's response is provided below:

- *How many days, if any, did hospitals in HBDHB spend in Code Red from January 01 2021 – December 31 – 2021*
- *How many days, if any, did hospitals in HBDHB spend in Code Black from January 01 2021 – December 31 2021.*

Hawke's Bay Hospital has an escalation plan to respond to increasing pressures of demand. The escalation plan is 'colour coded' from mauve (where there is more than enough capacity and staff) through to green (where capacity matches demand). Higher levels of escalation, yellow and amber through to red, occur when there is the greatest pressure on available resources.

Hawke's Bay Hospital was in Code Red for all, or part of the 24 hour period, across 143 days between the 12 month period 1 January 2021 to 31 December 2021..

Hawke's Bay DHB does not have a Code Black and therefore declines this portion of your request under section 18 (g) of the Official Information Act relating to information not held.

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 read "Chris Ash".

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