

# Corporate Services



24 May 2022

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Dear [REDACTED]

## **YOUR OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT (1982) REQUEST HBDHB REF: OIA2022047**

I refer to your Official Information Act request transferred to district health boards by the Ministry of Health on 29 April 2022 where you requested information from Hawke's Bay District Health Board (HBDHB). Your questions and HBDHB's response is provided below:

***"Can I please ask if the above treatment of Remdesivir and ventilators has been or are being used as a treatment for covid patients in hospital?"***

Hawke's Bay DHB does provide Remdesivir and ventilators as treatment options for COVID-positive adult patients with risk factors for severe illness. Patients receiving Remdesivir must meet the access criteria determined by Pharmac.

I trust this information meets your needs. If you would like any further information or clarification please contact us via email. 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 blue ink, appearing to read "RW", is written over a light blue circular stamp.

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