



5 October 2020



Dear

**Official Information Act Request**

You have asked for information about hospital demand.

- *ED presentations*
- *Overall hospital capacity*
- *The overall number of referrals received for first specialist assessments for planned care, and the number of FSA that took place*

The data table below is shown for Whangarei Hospital for the 52 week period 01/09/2019 – 28/08/2020 with week 1 starting on 01/09/2019. The three data sets are defined as:

**ED Presentations** – Weekly total of all patients presenting to the Whangarei Emergency department

**Average Inpatient Beds In Use** – Weekly average of the daily total inpatients in Whangarei Hospital at midnight excluding Mental Health.

**FSAs** – Weekly total First Specialist Assessments for Whangarei Hospital is based on Ministry of Health common counting purchase unit definitions.

Week	From	To	ED Presentations	Average Inpatient Beds In Use	FSAs
1	01/09/2019	07/09/2019	818	217	457
2	08/09/2019	14/09/2019	809	219	395
3	15/09/2019	21/09/2019	828	204	404
4	22/09/2019	28/09/2019	746	205	424
5	29/09/2019	05/10/2019	784	193	368
6	06/10/2019	12/10/2019	748	199	381
7	13/10/2019	19/10/2019	761	210	385
8	20/10/2019	26/10/2019	769	201	389
9	27/10/2019	02/11/2019	794	181	338
10	03/11/2019	09/11/2019	800	196	339
11	10/11/2019	16/11/2019	742	184	416
12	17/11/2019	23/11/2019	855	191	395
13	24/11/2019	30/11/2019	884	200	397
14	01/12/2019	07/12/2019	825	204	434
15	08/12/2019	14/12/2019	801	199	434
16	15/12/2019	21/12/2019	785	206	443
17	22/12/2019	28/12/2019	892	178	170

18	29/12/2019	04/01/2020	933	184	171
19	05/01/2020	11/01/2020	834	208	474
20	12/01/2020	18/01/2020	758	201	419
21	19/01/2020	25/01/2020	851	204	460
22	26/01/2020	01/02/2020	858	206	407
23	02/02/2020	08/02/2020	827	200	341
24	09/02/2020	15/02/2020	832	211	428
25	16/02/2020	22/02/2020	850	213	465
26	23/02/2020	29/02/2020	768	196	410
27	01/03/2020	07/03/2020	813	184	412
28	08/03/2020	14/03/2020	771	198	429
29	15/03/2020	21/03/2020	703	177	394
30	22/03/2020	28/03/2020	502	111	302
31	29/03/2020	04/04/2020	422	82	266
32	05/04/2020	11/04/2020	470	96	218
33	12/04/2020	18/04/2020	549	128	251
34	19/04/2020	25/04/2020	536	140	241
35	26/04/2020	02/05/2020	579	158	211
36	03/05/2020	09/05/2020	571	163	296
37	10/05/2020	16/05/2020	572	161	239
38	17/05/2020	23/05/2020	615	155	326
39	24/05/2020	30/05/2020	653	157	346
40	31/05/2020	06/06/2020	657	175	323
41	07/06/2020	13/06/2020	703	178	412
42	14/06/2020	20/06/2020	770	186	441
43	21/06/2020	27/06/2020	791	187	491
44	28/06/2020	04/07/2020	734	179	493
45	05/07/2020	11/07/2020	734	202	422
46	12/07/2020	18/07/2020	745	203	349
47	19/07/2020	25/07/2020	724	204	431
48	26/07/2020	01/08/2020	754	204	510
49	02/08/2020	08/08/2020	807	213	498
50	09/08/2020	15/08/2020	765	203	466
51	16/08/2020	22/08/2020	695	191	475
52	23/08/2020	29/08/2020	738	199	428

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If you have any questions regarding Northland DHB's response to your information request please contact Liz Inch, Communications Manager, in the first instance. Liz can be contacted by e-mail at [communications@northlanddhb.org.nz](mailto:communications@northlanddhb.org.nz) , by telephone on (09) 430 4100 ext 60518 or 021 730 543.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nick Chamberlain', written in a cursive style.

**Dr Nick Chamberlain**  
**Chief Executive**