



17 February 2022



Dear [REDACTED]

Official Information Act Request

You have asked for information about aged residential care beds.

1. *Since March 2020 have you had to reduce the number of beds you can offer for aged residential care?*

There has been no reduction in the number of beds for aged residential care in Northland; there has been an increase.

2. *How many beds did you offer in March 2020, and how many do you offer now?*

The most recent data available on aged residential care bed numbers is for the quarter ending 30 September 2021. A regular aged residential care bed survey states that in Northland at 30 March 2020 there were 1,299 aged residential care beds available. On 30 September 2021, 1,301 beds were recorded. From 1 November 2021 Northland DHB also contracted for an additional 15 dementia level care beds.

3. *If so, what has caused the DHB to reduce the number of aged residential care beds available?*

Please see the preceding response.

4. *Have you had to reduce the number of general hospital beds available since March 2020?*

No

5. *If so, what has caused the DHB to reduce the number of general beds available?*

Please see the preceding response.

6. *How many general hospital beds were available in your catchment area in March 2020, and how many general hospital beds are available now?*

Northland DHB has hospitals in Whangarei, Kaitiāia, Dargaville and Kawakawa (Bay of Islands Hospital). General beds at these facilities are listed below. The number of beds has remained unchanged between March 2020 and February 2022.

Whangarei Hospital	216 beds
Bay of Islands Hospital	20 beds
Kaitaia Hospital	20 beds
Dargaville Hospital	12 beds

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If you have any questions regarding Northland DHB's response to your information request please contact Northland DHB's Communications Manager, in the first instance at communications@northlanddhb.org.nz.

Yours sincerely



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