



12 May 2022

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Dear [REDACTED]

### **Official Information Act Request**

On 29 April 2022 the Ministry of Health transferred your Official Information Act request about Remdesivir and ventilators to district health boards.

*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?*

Northland DHB's response is as follows. Overall both external and invasive ventilation is used to treat COVID-19 affected patients in hospital. Remdesivir is also used as per the Ministry of Health and Pharmac guidance. Information is available on the following websites:

<https://www.health.govt.nz/system/files/documents/pages/update-for-health-professionals-therapeutics-for-the-treatment-of-covid-19.pdf>

<https://pharmac.govt.nz/news-and-resources/consultations-and-decisions/2022-02-04-updated-access-criteria-for-remdesivir-for-covid-19>

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If you have any queries about Northland DHB's response to your information request please contact me.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Nick Chamberlain', written over a faint background image of a map of Northland.

**Dr Nick Chamberlain**  
Chief Executive