

23 November 2022



Official Information Act Request - Infusion Services

Thank you for your request received on 18 October 2022 made under section 12 of the Official Information Act 1982 for information in relation to infusion services. We can respond as follows:

1. What was the Medical Day-Stay (non-oncology) infusion capacity for the population your hospital services where capacity is defined as the maximum number of infusions that can occur at any given time?

The Meade Day Care Unit capacity is 14 spaces. These are not dedicated to specific services or procedures so include all services and infusions, transfusions, biopsies, endocrine, blood testing and pre/post care.

2. Average number of non-oncology infusions per week?

The average number of non-oncology infusions performed per week is 38.

3. Total (non-oncology) infusions between 1 July 2021 – 30 June 2022

The total number of non-oncology infusions performed between 1 July 2021 – 30 June 2022 is 1,947.

4. Opening days & hours?

0730-1600 Monday – Sunday excluding Public Holidays.

5. Which medicines are most commonly infused (top ten)?

Remicade, Tysabri Natalizumab, Ferric carboxymaltose, APD, Zoledronic Acid, Iron, Methylprednisone, Iloprost, Magnesium, Intravenous Fluids.

6. Which departments are the 3 biggest users of the non-oncology infusion service?

Gastroenterology, Neurology, Haematology.

7. Are infusion bookings ever delayed due to capacity constraints?

There is no clear data to suggest that bookings were ever delayed due to capacity constraints.

8. What is the forecasted increase in non-oncology infusion numbers over the next two years?

The number of non-oncology infusions over the next two years is expected to remain static.

9. Is the DHB planning to expand infusion capacity?

There is no current plan to expand infusion capacity at Te Whatu Ora – Waikato.

How to get in contact: If you have any questions, you can contact us via email - oiia_contact@waikatodhb.health.nz . Also linked here please refer to our website for general information and guidance regarding the Official Information Act - <https://www.waikatodhb.health.nz/about-us/official-information-act/>

If you are not happy with this response, you have the right to make a complaint to the Ombudsman. Information about how to do this is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or by phoning 0800 802 602.

As this information may be of interest to other members of the public, Te Whatu Ora - Health New Zealand Waikato has decided to proactively release a copy of this response on our website found here <https://www.waikatodhb.health.nz/about-us/official-information-act/>. All requester data, including your name and contact details, will be removed prior to release.

Yours sincerely,



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