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Tena koe Emma

Official Information Act Request - OIA 13712 PPE Stock

On 12 August 2021, under section 12 of the Official Information Act, you requested the following information from Whanganui District Health Board (WDHB):

1. How much stock of PPE does each DHB currently hold?
2. And is it enough if NZ is suddenly hit with another COVID outbreak?
3. Does each department have adequate supply?
4. How frequently is PPE stock topped up?
5. And how is extra PPE stock ordered? (i.e is it via a request to the MoH or independently sought?)
6. When is the next order of PPE due?
7. Has the DHB experienced any issues/ delays with ensuring PPE stock levels are sufficient?
8. What specific health and safety measures does each DHB have in place if NZ is hit with another outbreak tomorrow?
9. Is the DHB confident that if NZ was hit with another COVID outbreak tomorrow it would be ready?
10. What has the DHB done to increase ICU capacity?
11. Yesterday, Ashley Bloomfield said there was now a well-developed ICU network across the country, but sources have told me that's not the case and nothing has changed except for converting ICU beds for pandemic which doesn't increase capacity - and the only new staff being trained are to replace staff that have left. Is this true?

Whanganui District Health Boards response:

- 1. How much stock of PPE does each DHB currently hold?**
Departments all hold three days worth which are topped up daily
- 2. And is it enough if NZ is suddenly hit with another COVID outbreak?**
Yes
- 3. Does each department have adequate supply?**
Yes
- 4. How frequently is PPE stock topped up?**
Department stocks are topped up daily
- 5. And how is extra PPE stock ordered? (i.e is it via a request to the MoH or independently sought?)**
Stock is ordered as required from MoH and independently.
- 6. When is the next order of PPE due?**
By Wednesday 18 August 2021.



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7. Has the DHB experienced any issues/ delays with ensuring PPE stock levels are sufficient?

Occasionally shipments have been delayed, however there has been no disruption to service.

8. What specific health and safety measures does each DHB have in place if NZ is hit with another outbreak tomorrow?

The Whanganui District Health has policies, procedures, mask fit testing and everyone vaccinated.

9. Is the DHB confident that if NZ was hit with another COVID outbreak tomorrow it would be ready?

Whanganui DHB are confident that our plans have put us in a good position should we experience an outbreak of COVID-19.

10. What has the DHB done to increase ICU capacity?

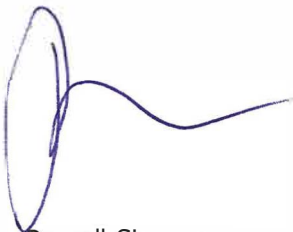
Plans are in place to utilise alternative CCU spaces.

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No. Surgical staff have been trained and experienced CCU staff have been upskilled to work if required.

Should you have any further queries about the above information, please contact our OIA co-ordinator Anne Phoenix at anne.phoenix@wdhb.org.nz

Nga mihi



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