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RE: Official Information Act Response

Thank you for your Official Information Act request received by Lakes District Health Board on 31 January 2022 seeking the below information.

This OIA pertains to Lakes DHB and the number of days spent in specific codes over the past year. Specifically, I'm interest in days spent in Code Red (where a hospital is considered "extremely overloaded") and Code Black (where capacity issues are considered critical.)

We'd like to know the following information -

- How many days, if any, did hospitals in Lakes DHB spend in Code Red from January 01 2021 – December 31 – 2021***
- How many days, if any, did hospitals in Lakes DHB spend in Code Black from January 01 2021 – December 31 2021.***

In response to your request, we can provide the following information:

Code Red and Black are not recognised terms at Lakes DHB. There has been no situation from staff memory in the last five years when we have needed to advise the Ministry of Health of our inability to cope with demand, or have been unable to accept acutely ill patients.

To provide you with more context, Lakes DHB has a 24/7 Hospital At A Glance (HaaG) screen which provides live updates on bed levels and staffing status by "traffic light system" and is used throughout the hospital. Additionally, the table below shows the information of the bed utilisation rate for 2021, taken at midnight.

Bed Utilisation Rate	2021
Rotorua Hospital	76.0%
Older Persons & Rehabilitation Services	82.7%
RT Antenatal & Postnatal Ward	39.0%
RT Coronary Care Unit	93.3%
RT Intensive Care Unit	78.6%
RT Medical Unit	88.9%
RT MHS Mental Health	71.3%
RT Orthopaedic Unit	84.4%
RT Surgical Unit	88.3%
Taupo Hospital	59.7%
TP Birthing & Postnatal Ward	32.5%
TP Inpatient Unit	67.0%