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**Subject: Official Information Act Request re: theatre nurse vacancies**

Thank you for your request for information under the Official Information Act received by Lakes DHB on 24 May 2022. Please see the following answers to your questions.

***Can you please tell me how many theatre nurses you are currently short? I am referring to vacancies, rather than Covid absences.***

Lakes DHB has no vacancies for theatre nurses.

***What impact is this having on planned care? eg are theatres sometimes not able to be used because there are not enough nurses.***

There has been minimal impact on the planned care programme due to theatre nurse vacancies. Unarranged leave such as sick leave can occasionally affect planned care delivery.

***If there is an impact, can you please estimate what percentage of operations are not able to go ahead, or how many hours theatre time cannot be used, or any other tangible measure the impact is having.***

As above

***What are you doing to resolve the problem?***

As above

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