

24 July 2019

Thank you for your email request received 2 July 2019 requesting information under the Official Information Act 1982, regarding transfer of expectant mothers and newborn babies. You requested:

“How often have expectant mothers and/or newborn babies been transferred to DHBs outside the greater Wellington area?”

Why were they transferred? (eg because neonatal ward was at capacity, or because DHB does not ordinarily have the facilities needed in a particular case)

Where were they transferred to?

Were any transferred to Australia?

Can you please tell me the occupancy rates for your neonatal wards over the past three years?”

The information pertaining to your request is below.

Question one:

“How often have expectant mothers and/or newborn babies been transferred to DHBs outside the greater Wellington area?”

Hutt Valley DHB has not transferred any babies or mothers to DHBs outside of the greater Wellington area.

Questions two and three:

“Why were they transferred? (e.g. because neonatal ward was at capacity, or because DHB does not ordinarily have the facilities needed in a particular case)”
and *“Where were they transferred to?”*

As Hutt Valley DHB has not transferred babies or mothers to DHBs outside of the greater Wellington region, these questions are not applicable.

Question four

“Were any transferred to Australia?”

Hutt Valley DHB has not transferred any babies or mothers to Australia.

Question five

“Can you please tell me the occupancy rates for your neonatal wards over the past three years?”

| Year | Ward Desc | Data | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec | Grand Total |
|------|-------------------|-----------------------|-------------|-------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|------------|------------|-------------|------------|------------|-------------|-------------|
| 2018 | Special Baby Unit | Ward Occupancy | 103% | 86% | 74% | 64% | 76% | 103% | 84% | 72% | 62% | 89% | 92% | 72% | 81% |
| | | Total Occupancy Days | 383 | 291 | 274 | 231 | 283 | 371 | 314 | 267 | 225 | 330 | 333 | 268 | 3569 |
| | | Total Resourced Beds | 372 | 336 | 372 | 360 | 372 | 360 | 372 | 372 | 372 | 360 | 372 | 360 | 372 |
| 2017 | Special Baby Unit | Ward Occupancy | 99% | 104% | 97% | 76% | 78% | 91% | 77% | 93% | 115% | 89% | 66% | 103% | 90% |
| | | Total Occupancy Days | 368 | 349 | 361 | 272 | 289 | 328 | 286 | 344 | 413 | 329 | 236 | 382 | 3958 |
| | | Total Resourced Beds | 372 | 336 | 372 | 360 | 372 | 360 | 372 | 372 | 372 | 360 | 372 | 360 | 372 |
| 2016 | Special Baby Unit | Ward Occupancy | 73% | 75% | 70% | 83% | 92% | 82% | 89% | 98% | 86% | 76% | 78% | 103% | 84% |
| | | Total Occupancy Days | 271 | 260 | 259 | 299 | 341 | 297 | 331 | 366 | 309 | 282 | 281 | 384 | 3679 |
| | | Total Resourced Beds | 372 | 348 | 372 | 360 | 372 | 360 | 372 | 372 | 372 | 360 | 372 | 360 | 372 |