

Reply 41043 (2021) has been answered to Dr Shane Reti

Portfolio: Health (Hon Andrew Little)

Question: Further to 38601(2021) how many nurses, if any, are included in the concept of a resourced ICU bed ?

Reply: I am advised that generally resourced ICU beds have a 1:1 ratio of nurses to patients. The Australian College of Critical Care Nurses (ACCCN) guidelines require a minimum of 1:1 for ventilated and other critically ill patients, and 1:2 nursing staff for lower acuity patients which is clinically determined.

Table 40875 (2021). Number of nurses that left employment from the 8th floor department of Critical Care Unit at Auckland Hospital from 5 May to 10 September 2020 and 2021.

Calendar Year	May	June	July	August	September	Total
2020	0	0	0	0	1	1
2021	2	1	4	0	1	8

Please note

The turnover in 2020 was not representative of normal trends at that time of year. The period of April to July 2020 was 20% of the turnover Auckland District Health Board would ordinarily have at the organisational level.

Table 40873: Number of nurses that left employment from the Cardiovascular Intensive Care at Auckland Hospital from 5 May to 10 September 2020 and 2021.

Calendar Year	May	June	July	August	September	Total
2020	0	1	0	2	0	3
2021	0	4	3	1	0	8

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