

Media release

Hospital in code red – UPDATE 8th August midday

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Wairarapa hospital remains full after declaring ‘code red’ yesterday, when high demand had overwhelmed bed capacity.

Nine elective surgeries scheduled for today were cancelled yesterday as the Day Procedure Unit beds were repurposed for admitted patients.

Extra staff have been called in to cope.

While no patients have been transferred to neighbouring hospitals that would not normally have been, that would be the next step should the demand increase further.

Medical practices and ambulance staff have been asked to ensure that only patients requiring hospital care are referred, however people should not hesitate to seek emergency help at ED if they require urgent care.

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