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Dear Ms McCallum

Official Information Act Request –OIA#12741 : hip and knee replacements

On 14 January 2020, under section 12 of the Official Information Act, you requested the following information from Whanganui District Health Board (WDHB):

Information seeking for hip replacements

1. Breakdown in terms of numbers of hip replacements for each type of GP referral that were declined and accepted?
 - 1A. Non urgent referrals
 - 1B. Urgent referrals
2. Breakdown in terms of numbers of hip replacements for each type of specialist referral that were declined and accepted?
 - 2A. Non urgent referrals
 - 2B. Urgent referrals
 - 2C. Emergency department referrals
3. Once the following hip replacement referral has been accepted how long before seeing a specialist?
 - 3A. Non urgent referrals
 - 3B. Urgent referrals
 - 3C. Emergency department referrals
4. How long for each of the following types of hip replacement referrals to have a scan?
 - 4A. Non urgent referrals
 - 4B. Urgent referrals
 - 4C. Emergency department referrals
 - 4D. GP referrals
 - 4E. Specialist referrals
5. How long for each of the types of hip replacement referrals being accepted for surgery?
 - 5A. Non urgent referrals
 - 5B. Urgent referrals
 - 5C. Emergency department referrals
 - 5D. GP referral
 - 5E. Specialist referral
6. How many hip replacement operations did you have funding for in the financial year 1 July 2018 - 30 June 2019 and how many were carried out?

Information for knee replacement operations

1. Breakdown in terms of numbers of knee replacements for each type of GP referral that were declined and accepted?
 - 1A. Non urgent referrals
 - 1B. Urgent referrals
2. Breakdown in terms of numbers of knee replacements for each type of specialist referral that were declined and accepted?
 - 2A. Non urgent referrals

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- 2B. Urgent referrals
- 2C. Emergency department referrals
- 3. Once the following knee replacement referral has been accepted how long before seeing a specialist?
 - 3A. Non urgent referrals
 - 3B. Urgent referrals
 - 3C. Emergency department referrals
- 4. How long for each of the following types of knee replacement referrals to have a scan?
 - 4A. Non urgent referrals
 - 4B. Urgent referrals
 - 4C. Emergency department referrals
 - 4D. GP referrals
 - 4E. Specialist referrals
- 5. How long for each of the types of knee replacement referrals being accepted for surgery?
 - 5A. Non urgent referrals
 - 5B. Urgent referrals
 - 5C. Emergency department referrals
 - 5D. GP referral
 - 5E. Specialist referral
- 6. How many knee replacement operations did you have funding for in the financial year 1 July 2018 - 30 June 2019 and how many were carried out?

Whanganui District Health Board responds as follows:

Information seeking for hip replacements

- 1. Breakdown in terms of numbers of hip replacements for each type of GP referral that were declined and accepted?**

1A. Non urgent referrals

Accepted 74 Declined 63

1B. Urgent referrals

Accepted 1 Declined 0

- 2. Breakdown in terms of numbers of hip replacements for each type of specialist referral that were declined and accepted?**

2A. Non urgent referrals

Accepted 104 Declined 64

2B. Urgent referrals

Accepted 1 Declined 0

2C. Emergency department referrals

Accepted 0 Declined 1

Total number of declined hip referrals (urgent and non-urgent)

Declined non urgent 64

Declined urgent 0

- 3. Once the following hip replacement referral has been accepted how long before seeing a specialist?**

3A. Non urgent referrals

Average days wait time 113 days

3B. Urgent referrals

Average days wait time 14 days

3C. Emergency department referrals

Average days wait time 0 days

4. How long for each of the following types of hip replacement referrals to have a scan?

4A. Non urgent referrals

Average days wait 6 days

4B. Urgent referrals

Average days wait 1 days

4C. Emergency department referrals

Average days wait 0 days

4D. GP referrals

Average days wait 6 days

4E. Specialist referrals

Unable to provide this information as the process of the referrer to the Radiology department varies. For example patients may have xray's at first visit at Private Rooms, and then sometime later, may be referred to the DHB. Xrays may not be repeated again until prior to surgery date.

5. How long for each of the types of hip replacement referrals being accepted for surgery?

5A. Non urgent referrals

Average days wait 86 days

5B. Urgent referrals

Average days wait 0 days (no urgent hips wait listed electively)

5C. Emergency department referrals

Average days wait 0 days

5D. GP referral

Average days wait 125 days

5E. Specialist referral

Average days wait 90 days

6. How many hip replacement operations did you have funding for in the financial year 1 July 2018 - 30 June 2019 and how many were carried out?

How many hip replacements was your DHB funded for

Information not available. Service is funded by CWD, not funded by specific condition

Volume of hip replacements undertaken for the period 1 July 2018 - 30 June 2019

Urgent hip replacements	0
Non-urgent hip replacements	110

Information for knee replacement operations

1. Breakdown in terms of numbers of knee replacements for each type of GP referral that were declined and accepted?

1A. Non urgent referrals

Accepted 30 Declined 25

1B. Urgent referrals

Accepted 0 Declined 0

2. Breakdown in terms of numbers of knee replacements for each type of specialist referral that were declined and accepted?

2A. Non urgent referrals

Accepted 48 Declined 28

2B. Urgent referrals

Accepted 0 Declined 0

2C. Emergency department referrals

Accepted 0 Declined 0

3. Once the following knee replacement referral has been accepted how long before seeing a specialist?

3A. Non urgent referrals

Average days wait time 113 days

3B. Urgent referrals

Average days wait time 0 days

3C. Emergency department referrals

Average days wait time 0 days

4. How long for each of the following types of knee replacement referrals to have a scan?

4A. Non urgent referrals

Average days wait 7 days

4B. Urgent referrals

Average days wait 0 days

4C. Emergency department referrals

Average days wait 0 day

4D. GP referrals

Average days wait 4 days

4E. Specialist referrals

Unable to provide this information as the process of the referrer to the Radiology department varies. For example patients may have xray's at first visit at Private Rooms, and then sometime later, may be referred to the DHB. Xrays may not be repeated again until prior to surgery date.

5. How long for each of the types of knee replacement referrals being accepted for surgery?

5A. Non urgent referrals

Average days wait 101 days

5B. Urgent referrals

Average days wait 28 days

5C. Emergency department referrals

Average days wait 0 days

5D. GP referral

Average days wait 157 days

5E. Specialist referral

Average days wait 115 days

6. How many knee replacement operations did you have funding for in the financial year 1 July 2018 - 30 June 2019 and how many were carried out?

How many knee replacements was your DHB funded for

Information not available. Service is funded by CWD, not funded by specific condition

Volume of knee replacements undertaken for the period

1 July 2018 - 30 June 2019

Knee replacements 95

Variation from referral received is due to the following:-

- *Patients wait listed directly onto the surgical WL following an FSA in private rooms*
- *Patients that were funded under ACC (4)*
- *Referrals received for another orthopaedic condition (hip or back pain), but once seen in clinic, determined that condition was actually knee related*
- *Patients whose original referral was received in the 2017/18 financial year and for clinical reasons they did not have a surgical procedure until the 2018/19 financial year.*

Should you have any further queries about the above information, please contact our OIA co-ordinator Deanne Holden at deanne.holden@wdhb.org.nz

Yours sincerely



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Chief Executive