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Dear Sarah

**Official Information Act Request – OIA 12981 Breast Reconstruction**

On 8 July 2020, under section 12 of the Official Information Act, you requested the following information from Whanganui District Health Board (WDHB):

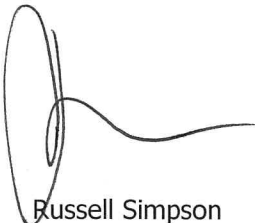
- The number of clients who received immediate breast reconstruction following a mastectomy in 2019/20
- The average breast reconstruction wait time for 2019/20
- The number of women currently on the waitlist for reconstruction following a mastectomy
- The number of women who did not meet waitlist criteria
- An outline of criteria that guides/ governs whether a woman seeking breast reconstruction is accepted or denied treatment.

**Whanganui District Health Boards response:**

Breast reconstruction following mastectomy for Whanganui DHB domiciled patients is done at Hutt Valley District Health Board as our tertiary plastic surgery provider. All information on wait lists and waiting times will be held by them.

Should you have any further queries about the above information, please contact our OIA co-ordinator Anne Phoenix at [anne.phoenix@wdhb.org.nz](mailto:anne.phoenix@wdhb.org.nz)

Yours sincerely



Russell Simpson  
**Chief Executive**