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Tēnā koe Denise

Official Information Act Request – OIA 14271 Wait Lists for Surgery

On 27 April 2022, under section 12 of the Official Information Act, you requested the following information from Whanganui District Health Board (WDHB):

I am writing a story about the times patients wait to see a specialist, to have surgery or to start their cancer treatment.

I would like to request the following information under the Official Information Act. Please feel free to email me back or phone me on 0272-581-228 if you have any questions about this request.

1. Please provide the length of time for patients on the waiting list who were referred by their GP to Specialist in your district (incl. count of events and average wait days) for the following:
 - a. Hip replacement
 - b. Knee replacement
 - c. Hysterectomy (or general gynae)
 - d. Breast reconstruction
 - e. Gall bladder
 - f. CT/MRI/PET scan
 - g. colonoscopy
 - (i) Covering a 12 month period from 1 March 2021 to 28 Feb 2022.
 - (ii) Covering a 12 month period from 1 March 2016 to 28 Feb 2017.
2. Please provide the length of time for patients on the waiting list, who are awaiting surgery in your district (incl. count of events and average wait days) for the following:
 - a. Hip replacement
 - b. Knee replacement
 - c. Hysterectomy
 - d. Breast reconstruction
 - e. Gall bladder
 - f. CT/MRI/PET scan.
 - (i) Covering a 12 month period from 1 March 2021 to 28 Feb 2022.
 - (ii) Covering a 12 month period from 1 March 2016 to 28 Feb 2017.
3. Could you please provide the average wait time for patients being treated with the following cancers: (include count of events and average days)
 - a. Lung
 - b. Breast
 - c. cervical
 - d. Bowel
 - e. Prostate
 - f. Skin
 - (i) Covering a 12 month period from 1 March 2021 to 28 Feb 2022.
 - (ii) Covering a 12 month period from 1 March 2016 to 28 Feb 2017.

Chief Executive | Phone 06 348 3140

Please feel free to provide any explanation or clarification which will help me understand the above data.

Whanganui District Health Boards response:

- 1. Please provide the length of time for patients on the waiting list who were referred by their GP to Specialist in your district (incl. count of events and average wait days) for the following: FSA**
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Referral	Mar 2016 - Feb 2017		Mar 2021 - Feb 2022	
	Referral	Average of Days Wait	Referral	Average of Days Wait
Hip replacement	80	89	84	109
Knee replacement	99	103	95	112
Hysterectomy / Gynaecology	265	54	182	68
Gall bladder	45	64	12	33
Colonoscopy	794	44	695	57
CT	7100	1	9155	0
MRI	3407	3	3902	1
PET	50	3	88	1

Note; Breast construction not performed at Whanganui hospital.

- 2. Please provide the length of time for patients on the waiting list, who are awaiting surgery in your district (incl. count of events and average wait days) for the following:**
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Surgery	Mar 2016 - Feb 2017		Mar 2021 - Feb 2022	
	Admission	Average of Days Wait	Admission	Average of Days Wait
Hip replacement	114	107	105	123
Knee replacement	147	105	122	117
Hysterectomy	38	78	42	86

Gall bladder	32	32	17	59
Colonoscopy	794	44	695	57
CT	7100	1	9155	0
MRI	3407	3	3902	1
PET	50	3	88	1

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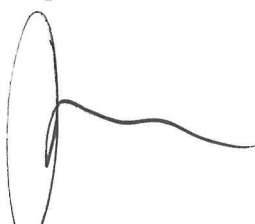
Cancer	Mar 2016 - Feb 2017		Mar 2021 - Feb 2022	
	Patients	Average of Days to Treatment	Patients	Average of Days to Treatment
Breast	29	41	38	31
Cervical	3	35	1	81
Bowel	56	69	35	62
Lung	31	46	27	61
Skin	34	34	20	30
Prostate	51	222	51	204

Note; Not all cancer diagnostics and treatments occur at Whanganui hospital.

Under section 28(3) of the Act you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review any decisions made under this request. The Ombudsman may be contacted by email at: info@ombudsman.parliament.nz or by calling 0800 802 602.

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

Ngā mihi



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Kaihautū Hauora – Chief Executive
Whanganui District Health Board