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Official Information Request- OIA 14079 - Transfer H202117379 - Dexa Scans

The Whanganui District Health Board (WDHB) has received the transfer of your request from the Ministry of Health on 12 January 2022 under Section 14 of the OIA. You requested the following information:

"Can you please tell me if publically funded bone density (DEXA) scans are available for:

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The Whanganui District Health Board response:

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Yes, publicly funded bone density (DEXA) scans are available for all relevant Endocrinology patients and relevant subspecialty.

While this is the case, due to there being a finite amount of resource available, clinical triage and prioritisation must occur alongside this availability.

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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