Hauora Tairāwhiti

Friday, 10 June 2022

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Re: Official Information Act Request – Wait Times

Kia ora [redacted]

Thank you for your request for information under the Official Information Act 1982.

You asked:

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 avg 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.

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

The Hauora Tairāwhiti response to your request is as follows:

Please see below for referrals from GP's and for procedures only performed at Hauora Tairāwhiti as some operations go out of the distinct. The tumour stream data does not have the referral source to filter referrals from GP's specifically. Please also note, the radiology information system is independent to the patient management system where clinic appointments are recorded so we are unable to provide First Specialist Assessment (FSA) wait times, only procedure wait times from the date requested.

	01/03/2016 - 28/02/2017			01/03/2021 - 28/02/2022		
Category	**Count**	**FSA Wait**	**Procedure Wait**	**Count**	**FSA Wait**	**Procedure Wait**
Hips	63	95	146	97	121	108
Knees	63	98	161	51	97	126
Colonoscopy	627	25	351	811	14	98
Hysterectomy	30	68	92	23	107	89
Breast Reconstruction	3	70	47	0		

	01/03/2016 - 28/02/2017		01/03/2021 - 28/02/2022	
Diagnostic	**Count**	**Avg Wait**	**Count**	**Avg Wait**
CT	735	13	784	17
MR	9	14	24	11

	01/03/2016 - 28/02/2017		01/03/2021 - 28/02/2022	
Tumour Stream	**Count**	**Avg Wait to Treat**	**Count**	**Avg Wait to Treat**
Bowl	51	26	49	25
Breast	39	21	33	32
Gynaecological	19	43	14	53
Lung	33	8	27	35
Skin	14	19	11	34
Urological	57	67	46	65

If you are not satisfied with this response you may contact the Office of the Ombudsmen, phone 0800 802 602.

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Ngā mihi

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