

Tuesday, 19 July 2022

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Re: Official Information Act Request – OIA14338 Wait Times

Kia ora [REDACTED],

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

You asked for:

With respect, I request the following information under the terms of the Official Information Act 1982:

- 1. The average wait time to see an oncologist after a referral has been sent from the patient's GP, for the last five years between 2018 to this year to date.*
- 2. The longest and shortest wait time to see an oncologist after a referral has been sent from the patient's GP, for the last five years between 2018 to this year to date.*
- 3. The average wait time for cancer surgery after a patient's First Specialist Appointment (FSA), for the last five years between 2018 to this year to date.*
- 4. The longest and shortest wait time for cancer surgery after a patient's First Specialist Appointment (FSA), for the last five years between 2018 to this year to date.*
- 5. The average wait time to see a cardiologist after a referral has been sent from the patient's GP, for the last five years between 2018 to this year to date.*
- 6. The longest and shortest wait time to see a cardiologist after a referral has been sent from the patient's GP, for the last five years between 2018 to this year to date.*
- 7. The average wait time for heart surgery after a patient's First Specialist Appointment (FSA), for the last five years between 2018 to this year to date.*
- 8. The longest and shortest wait time for heart surgery after a patient's First Specialist Appointment (FSA), for the last five years between 2018 to this year to date.*
- 9. The average wait time to see an orthopedic surgeon after a referral has been sent from the patient's GP, for the last five years between 2018 to this year to date.*
- 10. The longest and shortest wait time to see an orthopedic surgeon after a referral has been sent from the patient's GP, for the last five years between 2018 to this year to date.*
- 11. The average wait time for orthopedic surgery after a patient's First Specialist Appointment (FSA), for the last five years between 2018 to this year to date.*
- 12. The longest and shortest wait time for orthopedic surgery after a patient's First Specialist Appointment (FSA), for the last five years between 2018 to this year to date.*

13. *The average wait time for a gynecologist appointment after a referral has been sent from the patient's GP for the last five years between 2018 to this year to date.*
14. *The longest and shortest wait time for a gynecologist appointment after a referral has been sent from the patient's GP for the last five years between 2018 to this year to date.*
15. *The average wait time for gynecological surgery after a patient's First Specialist Appointment (FSA), for the last five years between 2018 to this year to date.*
16. *The longest and shortest wait time for gynecological surgery after a patient's First Specialist Appointment (FSA), for the last five years between 2018 to this year to date.*
17. *The average wait time for a urologist appointment after a referral has been sent from the patient's GP for the last five years between 2018 to this year to date.*
18. *The longest and shortest wait time for a urologist appointment after a referral has been sent from the patient's GP for the last five years between 2018 to this year to date.*
19. *The average wait time for urology surgery after a patient's First Specialist Appointment (FSA), for the last five years between 2018 to this year to date.*
20. *The longest and shortest wait time for urology surgery after a patient's First Specialist Appointment (FSA), for the last five years between 2018 to this year to date.*
21. *The average wait time for a respiratory specialist appointment/ or general medicine specialist for respiratory problems after a referral from a GP, for the last five years between 2018 to this year to date.*
22. *The longest and shortest wait time for a respiratory specialist appointment/ or general medicine specialist for respiratory problems after a referral from a GP, for the last five years between 2018 to this year to date.*
23. *The average wait time for respiratory surgery after a First Specialist Appointment (FSA), for the last five years between 2018 to this year to date.*
24. *The longest and shortest wait time for a respiratory surgery after a First Specialist Appointment (FSA), for the last five years between 2018 to this year to date.*
25. *The average wait time for a patient visiting the emergency department, for the last five years from 2018 to this year to date.*
26. *The longest and shortest wait time for a patient visiting the emergency department for the last five years from 2018 to this year to date.*
27. *All reports discussing hospital wait times and emergency department delays, dated between Jan 2021 to date, held by the DHB.*
28. *All reports discussing increasing patient transfers between hospitals under the new Health New Zealand model, between Jan 2021 to date, held by the DHB.*

The information sought in this request is to be used as part of a report by the New Zealand Herald into the hospital wait times and emergency department delays. As the information will be used to ensure a greater understanding and appreciation of this matter, I ask that any fee is waived.

The Te Whatu Ora Tairāwhiti (previously named Hauora Tairāwhiti) response to your request is as follows:

To answer this request would require significant collation and research resources; we decline to answer as allowed under the Official Information Act 1982 section 118(f).

Ngā mihi



Jim Green
District Director
Te Whatu Ora Tairāwhiti