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**Re: Official Information Act**

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I am responding on behalf of Hauora Tairāwhiti (Tairāwhiti DHB) to your OIA Request of 2 July regarding CPAC threshold.

**Our response:**

**The Clinical Priority Assessment Criteria threshold level (in order to be eligible for publicly funded electives) at the Tairāwhiti DHB for the following elective procedures:**

Waikato DHB is contracted to provide tertiary level services to Hauora Tairāwhiti domiciled patients and this is noted below. In this instance the threshold is determined by that provider, and these current CPAC thresholds are not known.

- o Cardiothoracic - Waikato DHB
- o Ear, nose and throat – No threshold in place
- o General surgery – No threshold in place
- o Gynaecology – No threshold in place
- o Neurosurgery – Waikato DHB
- o Ophthalmology – 42 with clinician over-ride in place
- o Orthopaedics – No threshold in place
- o Paediatric surgical – No threshold in place
- o Plastic and burns – No threshold in place
- o Urology – No threshold in place
- o Vascular surgery – Waikato DHB

Where it is noted that Waikato DHB, because Hauora Tairāwhiti does not provide that service, the provider the assessment criteria threshold at that DHB applies.

Ophthalmology has a front door management policy in place and is currently the only speciality where patients may be declined surgery following an assessment. Current points are 42 with clinician over-ride in place.

The speciality teams have prioritised their efforts on managing the access of elective patients at the 'front door' – triaging of referrals and ensuring only those that definitively require assessment/ treatment are accepted for a FSA – first specialist assessment).

During the assessment phase all patients are scored utilising the applicable CPAC tool and they are in turn entered onto our treatment lists.

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

Please note this response, or an edited version of this response, may be published on the Hauora Tairāwhiti DHB website. Your personal/identifying information will be redacted from any responses published.

If you feel that there are good reasons why your response should not be made publicly available, we will be happy to consider this.

Ngā mihi,

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