

Tuesday, 2 March 2021

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Re: Official Information Act Request - diabetic retinopathy

Kia ora [REDACTED]

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

Hauora Tairāwhiti's response is to your request as follows:

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

1. For 2020, the number of screens for diabetic retinopathy purchased, the number of screens delivered, and the DNA rate.

473 screens were purchased and delivered in 2020, with a DNA rate of 6% (29)

2. The estimated number of people living with diabetes within the DHB.

The estimated number of people living in Tairāwhiti with Diabetes is 2345.

3. How many diabetic retinopathy screening episodes were delivered during lockdown, and how long any disruption lasted (i.e when did screening return to 'normal').

No retinal screening was carried out during this period.

4. On January 1 2021, how many new referrals were on the wait list for their first screening visit, the average time spent on this wait list, and the longest individual time spent waiting.

As the contract for retinal screening is in the process of being transferred from the DHB to a community provider, this data is not readily available.

5. On January 1 2021, how many existing patients were overdue for their follow up screening appointment, the average overdue time, and the longest individual time overdue.

As above.

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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