

15 January 2019

Email: _____

Dear _____

Re: Official Information Act

I am responding on behalf of Hauora Tairāwhiti (Tairāwhiti DHB) to your OIA Request of 26 November regarding adverse drug reactions.

Please see our response to your questions below:

Number and location of PET (positron emission tomography) and PET-CT (positron emission tomography-computed tomography) scanning machines in NZ?

We don't have a PET-CT machine. We refer to Hamilton Radiology for these scans.

Current working condition of each of these machines -for example whether they are in top working condition, in need of upgrade/refurbishment, or broken?

We don't hold any detail on the location of machines nationally or their state of operation.

The timeline and anticipated cost for the repair or replacement of any PET or PETCT machines which are currently broken or in need of upgrade/refurbishment?

Not applicable.

Current patient waiting times for PET and PET-CT scans, with these figures broken down by DHB and reason for scan (ie breast cancer detection, prostate cancer detection etc)?

As we do not have this machine and make referrals we are unable to provide any waiting lists.

Forecast patient waiting times for PET and PET-CT scans over the next six months, with these figures broken down by DHB and reason for scan (ie breast cancer detection, prostate cancer detection etc)

As we do not have this machine and make referrals we are unable to provide any waiting lists.

I trust that the above information answers your request.

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

Yours sincerely



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