

14 June 2022

Dear [REDACTED]

**YOUR OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT (1982) REQUEST HBDHB REF: OIA2022045**

I refer to your Official Information Act request dated 27 April 2022 where you requested information from Hawke's Bay District Health Board (HBDHB). Your questions and HBDHB's response is provided below:

**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.**

	March 2016 to February 2017		March 2021 to February 2022	
	Volume	Average Wait (days)	Volume	Average wait (days)
Hip replacement	177	110	162	125
Knee replacement	146	69	180	129
General Gynae	1710	64	2010	86
Gall Bladder			53	68
CT/MRI/PET scan	4546	47	6617	47
Colonoscopy	1063	31	2573	60

Please note Hysterectomy data is not captured as a singular procedure, it is grouped under general gynaecological procedures. Therefore, the DHB is unable to provide accurate data of hysterectomys performed.

Gall bladder data in 2016/2017 is not available in the table above as it was not digitally recorded under referral reason 'gallstones'. To obtain this data would require a manual search of individual patient records. Therefore, this portion of your request is declined under section 18 (f) of the Official Information Act relation to substantial collation and research.

Wait times for MRI or CT scans are from the date that the scan was ordered to the date that the exam was completed.

Hawke's Bay DHB does not perform breast augmentation and refers to Hutt Valley DHB. Therefore, this portion of your request is declined under section 18 (g) of the Official Information Act relation to information not held.

**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.**

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**(ii) Covering a 12 month period from 1 March 2016 to 28 Feb 2017.**

	March 2016 to February 2017		March 2021 to February 2022	
	Volume	Average Wait (days)	Volume	Average wait (days)
Hip replacement	191	68	184	127
Knee replacement	163	70	161	144
General Gynae	263	57	273	99
Gall Bladder	105	76	82	124
CT/MRI/PET scan	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Please note that hip and knee replacement figures includes total hip and knee replacement and revision total hip and knee. Gall Bladder surgeries includes Laparoscopic or open Cholecystectomies.

**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.**

Please note Hawke's Bay DHB is providing data based on patients captured per the Ministry of Health's 62 day target for faster cancer treatment. The 62 day target, for patients referred with high suspicion of cancer, is from referral date to the date of first treatment, if subsequently diagnosed with cancer as part of that pathway.

All treatments are included in the volume column below. However, not all treatments are captured in data as part of the Ministry of Health's 62 day target programme. For cervical treatments, wait time data is not captured. To provide this data would require a manual search of individual patient records. Therefore, this portion of your request is declined under s18 (f) of the Official Information Act due to substantial collation and research.

	March 2016 to February 2017		March 2021 to February 2022	
	Volume	Average Wait (days)	Volume	Average wait (days)
Lung	93	60	83	79
Breast	104	85	105	60
Cervical	*		*	
Bowel (Lower GI)	137	54	85	56
Bowel (small intestine including Lower GI)	2	48		
Prostate	84	110	98	61
Skin	65	54	48	62

\*The DHB does not collect wait time data for cervical treatment. On average HBDHB sees approximately five patients with early stage cervical cancer (Stage 1A1 with LLETZ). Treatment of cervical cancer above this stage are referred to Capital Coast District Health Board (CCDHB).

I trust this information meets your needs. If you would like any further information or clarification please contact us via email. If you are not satisfied with this response you may contact the Office of the Ombudsman, phone 0800 802 602.

Please note that this response, or an edited version of this response, may be published on the Hawke's Bay DHB website after your receipt of this response.

Yours sincerely



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