

16 February 2022

Dear [REDACTED]

Re: Official Information Act

I am responding on behalf of Taranaki District Health Board (DHB) to your OIA request of 25 January 2022. You have requested the following information:

I am covering the issue of skin cancer care in New Zealand for TVNZ and would like to know the current size of the waiting list for all skin cancer referrals to your DHB as follows:

- *Initial consultation appointment for suspected or confirmed BCC, SCC and melanoma*

8 patients awaiting a First Specialist Appointment (FSA) as of 11 February 2022

- *Surgical appointment for melanoma excision*

2 patients awaiting a surgical procedure as of 11 February 2022 (please note: these patients have direct access to surgery so do not require an FSA first)

- *Surgical appointment for BCC or SCC excision*

107 patients awaiting a surgical procedure as of 11 February 2022 (please note: these patients have direct access to surgery so do not require an FSA first)

I would also like to know to what extent, if any, your DHB funds GPs or private providers to carry out any SCC, BCC or melanoma excisions on an annual basis (e.g. for 2021).

Taranaki DHB does not fund GPs or private providers to carry out excisions

I trust the above information answers your OIA request.

Kind regards



Gillian Campbell
Chief Operating Officer