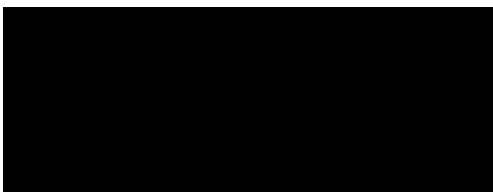


23 May 2022



Dear 

**Re: Official Information Act**

I am responding on behalf of Taranaki District Health Board (DHB) to your OIA request of 27 April 2022. You have requested the following information:

*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.*

Please see the requested information in *Appendix 1*.

**Please note:**

- Taranaki DHB are unable to supply this level of granularity out of our Radiology wait lists. We are unable to report on who is waiting on/booked for surgery or if patients on our wait list were referred to a specialist by their GP.

*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.*

*(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.*

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Please see the requested information in *Appendix 2*.

**Please note:**

- Taranaki DHB are unable to supply this level of granularity out of our Radiology wait lists. We are unable to report on who is waiting on/booked for surgery or if patients on our wait list were referred to a specialist by their GP.

3. *Could you please provide the average wait time for patients being treated with the following cancers: (include count of events and avg days)*

- Lung*
- Breast*
- cervical*
- Bowel*
- Prostate*
- 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 see the requested information in *Appendix 3*.

4. *Please feel free to provide any explanation or clarification which will help me understand the above data.*

Regarding questions 1 and 2, we are unable to provide data for the March 2016 to February 2017 period.

I trust the above information answers your OIA request.

Kind regards



**Katy Sheffield**  
**Deputy Chief Operating Officer**

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Appendices:

- Appendix 1 – 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).
- Appendix 2 – Length of time for patients on the waiting list, who are awaiting surgery in your district (incl. count of events and average wait days).
- Appendix 3 – Average wait time for patients being treated with cancers

## Appendix 1:

### Length of time for patients on the waiting list who were referred by their GP to Specialist in your district

- 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.

Waiting for FSA	(i) Mar 21 to Feb 22		(ii) Mar 16 to Feb 17	
	Count of Events	Average Waiting Days	Count of Events	Average Waiting Days
Hip replacement	108	115	98	112
Knee replacement	119	113	118	92
Hysterectomy	98	70	140	78
Breast reconstruction	2	73	-	-
Gall bladder	38	145	51	79
Colonoscopy	68	70	-	-
CT/MRI/PET scan	18,146	76	-	-

Please note:

- We do not have data for Breast reconstruction, Colonoscopy and CT/MRI/PET scan for the **March 2016 to February 2017** period.
- The total number of patients awaiting CT/MRI/PET reflects the total number of patients who were placed on our waitlists (e.g., the total number of referrals accepted) for those modalities between **March 2021 and Feb 2022**. Because this is a cumulative figure it does not mean that there were that many patients waiting for their scan at any given time. For example, our current waitlist numbers for each scan type are much lower:
  - PET: 16
  - CT: 609
  - MRI: 649

## Appendix 2:

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.

(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.

Waiting for Surgery	(i) Mar 21 to Feb 22		(ii) Mar 16 to Feb 17	
	Count of Events	Average Waiting Days	Count of Events	Average Waiting Days
Hip replacement	100	103	104	84
Knee replacement	106	110	156	73
Hysterectomy	39	91	28	67
Breast reconstruction	-	-	-	-
Gall bladder	133	81	174	52
Colonoscopy	634	78	630	141
CT/MRI/PET scan	15781	35	-	-

Please Note:

- Length of Time = Average number of days waiting on the waitlist for surgery
- We do not have data for Breast reconstruction for the **March 2016 to February 2017** period.
- We do not have data for Breast reconstruction and CT/MRI/PET scan for the **March 2016 to February 2017** period.

**Appendix 3:**

**Average wait time for patients being treated with the following cancers:**

Year and Month	C18 - Malignant neoplasm colon		C19 - Malignant neoplasm rectosigmoid junction		C20 - Malignant neoplasm rectum		C34 - Malignant neoplasm bronchus and lung		C43 - Malignant melanoma of skin		C50 - Malignant neoplasm breast		C53 - Malignant neoplasm cervix uteri		C61 - Malignant neoplasm prostate		Total Average Wait time	Total Count of Referrals
	Average Wait time	Count of Referrals	Average Wait time	Count of Referrals	Average Wait time	Count of Referrals	Average Wait time	Count of Referrals	Average Wait time	Count of Referrals	Average Wait time	Count of Referrals	Average Wait time	Count of Referrals	Average Wait time	Count of Referrals		
<b>2021</b>	<b>30.23</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>39.8</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>55.90</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>45.44</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>25.65</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>35.18</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>60.53</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>43.23</b>	<b>344</b>
March	18.67	3			45.5	2	40.67	12	36.33	3	37	8			54.33	6	40.18	34
April	38.43	7			38.5	2	46.5	10	19.33	3	40.2	10			41	2	39.79	34
May	19	2			49.33	3	54.75	12	25.5	6	35.67	12	0	1	75.17	6	44.64	42
June	28.8	5			54.5	2	42.33	6	2.5	2	40.56	9			56.3	10	42.35	34
July	54.25	4	67	1	29	1	52.625	8	13	4	37.7	10			55.875	8	44.72	36
August	18.33	6	22	1	10	2	59.71	7	32	3	28.8	5	84	2	77.89	9	47.97	35
September	34.75	4	12	1			50.43	7	34.5	2	24.75	12			42	9	35.66	35
October	33.6	5			47.67	3	23.67	6	32.33	3	31.43	7			25.57	7	30.61	31
November	21	3	49	2	37	2	6.5	2	34.67	3	23.2	5			98.17	12	56.76	29
December	24	4			120.75	4	42.73	11	26	2	51.67	6			42.14	7	50.18	34
<b>2022</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>43.33</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>40.94</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>39.33</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>43.17</b>	<b>12</b>			<b>33.4</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>40.16</b>	<b>70</b>
January	23	3	70	2	43	4	48.86	7	46.2	5	66	4			25.29	7	43.59	32
February	45.5	6			44	2	35.4	10	30.75	4	31.75	8			40.5	8	37.26	38
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>31.58</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>48.43</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>53.11</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>44.66</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>28.73</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>36.18</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>56.05</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>42.71</b>	<b>414</b>

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<b>2016</b>	<b>27.43</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>38.33</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>62.07</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>44.31</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>20.90</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>38.20</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>44.5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>101.89</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>48.32</b>	<b>252</b>
March	39.5	4			27	1	46.43	7	39.2	5	37.67	3			130	1	45.19	21
April	66	2					50.625	8			35.4	5	19	2	102.6	5	57.5	22
May	29.6	5	83	1			48.2	5	28	4	50.5	2	61	1	196	6	80.08	24
June	26.75	4			79.33	3	50.25	4	25	2	37.125	8	62	1	89.67	3	48.96	25
July	24.25	8			64	3	25.6	5	20.5	2	44.8	5			5.33	3	30.58	26
August	18.625	8			74.67	3	38	9	29.17	6	33.43	7			129.5	4	44.38	37
September	25	2	32	1	88	1	52.71	7	34	2	35	1			158.6	5	75.53	19
October	17.5	4			47	1	39.67	6	43	1	34.625	8	53	2	52.6	5	38.67	27
November	25.2	5	0	1	35.5	2	52.33	3	38.75	4	43	4			64.83	6	42.8	25
December	31	5			44	1	41.6	5	-78	3	40.33	6			69.33	6	31.96	26
<b>2017</b>	<b>22.8</b>	<b>5</b>					<b>36.92</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>31.09</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>34.55</b>	<b>42</b>
January	8	1					38.78	9	44	4	28	3	34	1	44	1	36.58	19