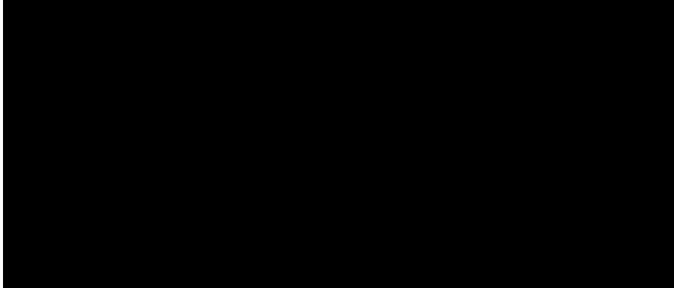


26 November 2019



Re: Official Information Act request - Number of patients in need of tissue and organ transplants

I refer to your Official Information Act request dated 6 November 2019 requesting the following information.

I wish to make a request for Statistics information only, which is held by the Auckland District Health Board.

I am working on research project, tissue engineering technology for regenerative medicine. I am writing proposal and I intend to apply for a grant from Institutes of Health (NIH) or Health Research Council (HRC) of New Zealand to receive direct funding support.

How many patients are in need of lifesaving tissue and organ transplant to restore, maintain, or improve damaged tissues or whole organs? For example:

1. cartilage,
2. bone
3. skin
4. stem cell
5. kidney
6. liver
7. Supplemental bladders
8. Arteries and many more

Auckland DHB has provided approximately 100 patients on an annual basis with stem cell transplantation for the past 5 years.

Stem cell transplantation comprises of Autologous (patient's own cells collected and returned) and allogeneic (matched unrelated or matched related donor or haplo- identical match) transplants.

Auckland DHB provides autologous stem cell transplants for the Northland region and allogeneic stem cell transplants for the four Northern region DHBs, Waikato, Lakes, Tarawhiti and Bay of Plenty DHBs.

We currently have 5 patients on the heart transplant waiting list and 16 patients on the lung transplant waiting list.

We currently have 32 patients on the liver transplant waiting list of which 3 patients are suspended for medical reasons.

We have 5 children on the active kidney waiting list plus 3 suspended for medical reasons.
We have 4 children on the active liver waiting list plus 1 suspended for family reasons.
We have 5 children currently admitted for bone marrow transplants and 6 on the pathway towards bone marrow transplants.

There are currently no children on the waitlist for a heart transplant.

You are entitled to seek a review of the response by the Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that this response, or an edited version of this response, may be published on the Auckland DHB website.

Yours faithfully



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Chief Executive