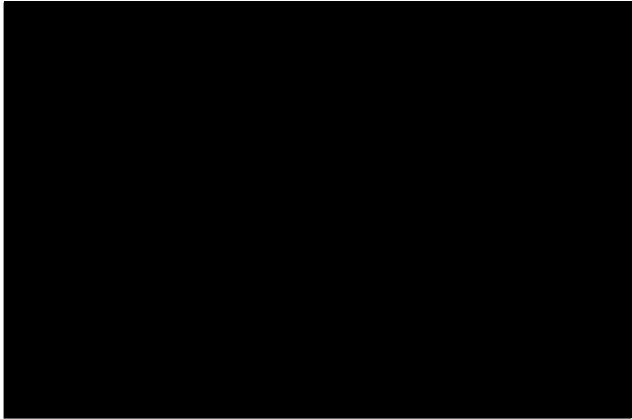


16 September 2019



**Re Official Information Request for colonoscopy rates for Maori**

I refer to your official information request dated 22 August 2019 for information for the following information:

**“The Society is interested in obtaining data regarding the percentages of Māori who have had colonoscopies given that Māori are likely to be diagnosed later with more advanced colorectal cancers. It would be greatly appreciate if your IT or data analysis team at the District Health Board could provide the Society with data on the percentages of Maori who have had colonoscopy in the past year (or financial year if that is easier to work out), as compared with the percentage of Māori in the local population.”**

The information you have requested is set out below.

Total population for Auckland DHB (from MoH site)	545,640
Māori population for Auckland DHB (projected @ 7.9%)	43,106
Total number of colonoscopies performed for Auckland DHB population in 2018 - 19	4036
Total number of colonoscopies performed for Auckland DHB Māori population in 2018-19	189
% of Auckland DHB Māori population who had a colonoscopy* in 2018 – 19	0.44%
% of Auckland DHB Māori population who had	5.05%

a colonoscopy against the total number of colonoscopies performed overall in 2018 – 19	
% of Auckland DHB patients who had a colonoscopy but did not complete their ethnicity on the form in 2018 – 19.	1.8%

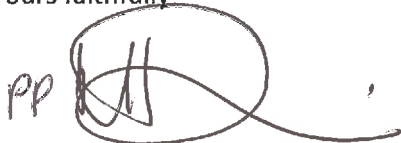
*\*It should be noted that this is percentage is taken from the overall Auckland Māori population. This figure will always be low as colonoscopies are not clinically required for all age groups.*

I trust this information answers your questions.

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](http://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

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized loop followed by a horizontal line and a small flourish.

Ailsa Claire, OBE  
Chief Executive