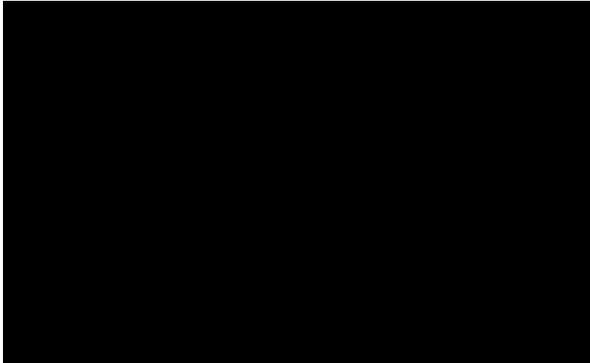


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Re Official Information Request – Cancer surgery wait times

I refer to your official information request dated 8 August 2018 the following information:

1. As of 1st August 2018 how many patients were on lung, bowel, prostate, breast, cervical and skin cancer surgical waiting lists?

The following outlines the number of patients on the surgical waitlist as at 1st August 2018 for lung, bowel, prostate, breast, cervical, and skin cancer

Tumour Stream	Total Cancer patients on Surgical Waitlist
Breast	4
Cervical	0
Bowel	5
Lung	3
Skin	2
Prostate	4
Grand Total	18

2. As of 1st August 2018 what is the longest time for a patient on the waiting list for lung, bowel, prostate, breast, cervical and skin cancer surgery?

The following outlines the longest time for a patient on the waiting list for lung, bowel, prostate, breast, cervical and skin cancer surgery.

Tumour Stream	Longest time waiting for surgery (days)
Breast	6
Cervical	0
Bowel	36
Lung	29
Skin	48
Prostate	54

3. As of 1st August 2018 what the average wait time is for patients on lung, bowel, prostate, breast, cervical and skin cancer surgical waiting lists?

The following outlines the average wait time for patients on the lung, bowel, prostate, breast, cervical and skin cancer surgical waiting list.

Tumour Stream	Average number of days on Surgical Waitlist (days)
Breast	4
Cervical	0
Bowel	18
Lung	13
Skin	25
Prostate	49

Delays to planned procedures can occur for a number of reasons including multiple clinical comorbidities and patient choice.

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 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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