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Re: **Official Information Act request – Number of mastectomies/lumpectomies**

I refer to your Official Information Act request dated 19 September 2019 requesting the following information.

I write to request the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

1. The number of mastectomies, (single and double) and lumpectomies, undertaken in respect of all hospitals and facilities under your jurisdiction, including any procedures which may have been contracted out to private health providers for whatever reason for the years 2015/16, 2016/2017, 2017/2018 and 2018/2019 respectively.
2. The number of breast reconstruction surgeries, (single and double), undertaken in respect of all hospitals and facilities under your jurisdiction, including any procedures which may have been contracted out to private health providers for whatever reason for the years 2015/16, 2016/2017, 2017/2018 and 2018/2019 respectively.

Procedure Type	Procedure Description	2015/2016	2016/2017	2017/2018	2018/2019	Grand Total
Mastectomy	Mastectomy Unilateral (Single)	81	87	91	111	370
	Mastectomy Bilateral (Double)	22	12	25	18	77
<b>Mastectomy Total</b>		<b>103</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>447</b>
<b>Lumpectomy Total</b>		<b>171</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>177</b>	<b>708</b>
<b>Breast Reconstruction</b>						
<b>Surgery Total</b>		<b>5</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>82</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>279</b>	<b>298</b>	<b>321</b>	<b>339</b>	<b>1237</b>

Please note:

- Auckland DHB has not contracted procedures out to any private providers.
- Some reconstruction surgeries (of ADHB patients) are performed at Counties Manukau DHB and included in the above data.
- If a patient had two different procedures then it has been counted as two procedures.

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



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Chief Executive