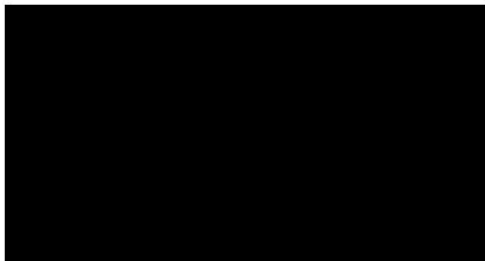


7 May 2021



Re: Official Information Act request – Joint surgery wait times

I refer to your Official Information Act request dated 9 April 2021, requesting the following information:

1. In the past 12 months, what proportion of your DHB patients that were referred to a waiting list by a surgeon, for a joint replacement, were accepted onto the list and got surgery?
2. In 2017 what proportion of your DHB patients that were referred to a waiting list by a surgeon, for a joint replacement, were accepted onto the list and got surgery?

Calendar Year	Electively waitlisted	Electively treated	% treated
2017	847	699	83%
2020	1019	780	77%

3. Is the DHB able to comment on whether there are enough GPs in the region?

Under the Official Information Act, Auckland DHB is not required to form an opinion in response to questions and therefore we are declining to respond to this question as it is outside of the scope of the Act.

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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