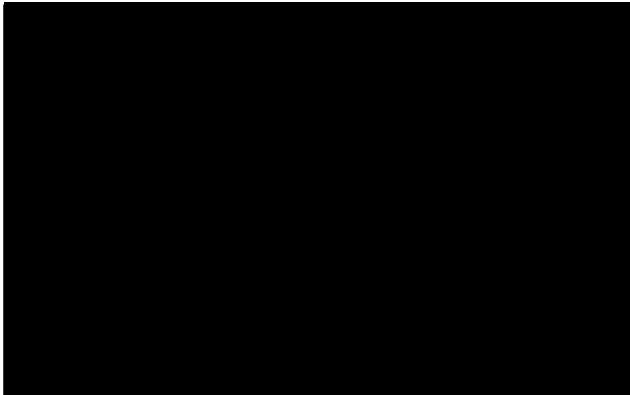


12 August 2020



**Re Official Information Request – Breast Cancer patient referrals to Auckland DHB**

I refer to your official information request dated 23 July 2020 requesting the following information:

**Since 1 January 2019 any statistics or other information that sets out:**

- 1. Time taken from the date of referral by a provider to the Auckland District Health Board ("ADHB") to the date that person is first seen by a specialist at the ADHB.**

On average, patients on the 'High Suspicion of Cancer' Breast Pathway received their First Specialist Appointment (FSA) within 19 days from the date of referral registration at Auckland DHB.

- 2. Time taken from the time of a breast cancer diagnosis by the ADHB to the time the person so diagnosed has an operation/treatment at the ADHB.**

On average, patients on the 'High Suspicion of Cancer' Breast Pathway received their first treatment within 24 days from their initial diagnosis.

A proportion of patients on the high suspicion pathway will ultimately be determined not to have a malignant diagnosis. They are subsequently removed from the tracking process but have some impact on this pathway.

Information supplied for both responses is for patients tracked on the FCT Breast 62 day pathway (referrals triaged as High Suspicion of Cancer as per Ministry of Health Criteria with a 2 week priority flag) that had their first treatment between 01/01/2019 and 23/07/2020.

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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