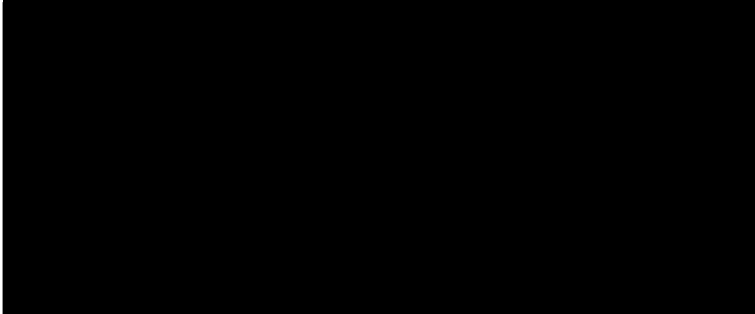


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Re Official Information Request – Wait times for children needing heart transplants

I refer to your official information request dated 27 July 2020 to the MoH. The MoH have transferred your request to Auckland DHB. You requested the following information:

- 1. I would like to know what the current wait times are for children who are needing a heart transplant in New Zealand.**

There is no simple answer for this as it depends on the age, size and blood group of the child waiting. However for a school aged child the wait can vary from a few days to 6 months with the average wait being 3-4 months.

- 2. I'd also like to know how many children in New Zealand are currently waiting for a heart transplant.**

There are no children currently on the heart transplant waiting list.

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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