

25 February 2019



OIA request – Weight loss surgery numbers from 2010 - 2018

Thank you for your Official Information Act request received 26 January 2019 seeking the following information:

Could you please advise how many people received bariatric surgery (gastric banding, laparoscopic sleeve gastrectomy and gastric bypass surgery) through the DHB and the age of the individual, each calendar year, from 2010 to 2018.

Auckland DHB performs bariatric surgeries for people who are residents within our own district and also for some patients who live outside our catchment area. Auckland DHB serves one of the largest resident populations in New Zealand, currently standing at more than 530,000 people. Any comparison of data between DHB areas needs to consider population size and demographic factors

The data provided in this response represents surgeries performed on patients who are Auckland DHB residents only (called DHB of Domicile in the attached table). Data on bariatric surgeries performed by Auckland DHB on patients from other districts has been provided to their local DHB for inclusion in their own separate response to your request.

The attached table outlining Auckland DHB patient bariatric surgeries is based on Ministry of Health funded procedure codes. No procedures were recorded for 2010/11 or 2011/12.

Also note that we have provided the data in financial years as this is how it is collected and reported, rather than calendar years.

We have provided the data in 10-year age bands because the numbers of procedures are small enough to create a risk of individual patients being identifiable.

You are entitled to seek a review of this response 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.

I trust that this information meets your requirements.

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Yours sincerely,



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Chief Executive

Elective DHB Funded Bariatric Procedures for Auckland DHB*

Ten year age bands	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
15 to 24	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
25 to 34	0	0	0	0	3	6	9	9
35 to 44	0	0	1	2	13	11	19	18
45 to 54	0	0	0	0	10	12	33	30
55 to 64	0	0	0	0	11	9	17	11
65 to 74	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0
Total	0	0	1	2	38	39	80	69

* Note: The data presented in this table is by DHB of Domicile (DOD) – that is the DHB assigned based on the address of the patient, rather than the DHB of the service providing the surgery.