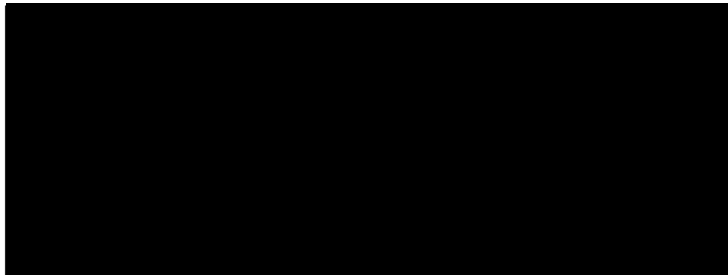


19 September 2017



Re Official Information Request for waiting times for gastroscopy and dermatology

I refer to your Official Information Act request of 16 August 2018 for information seeking

- 1. The number of patients who waited/are waiting longer than the clinically assessed timeframe for a gastroscopy from January 1 2018 to July 31 2018, and what proportion this represents.**
Please break this information into different priorities (such as "priority 1: more than 14 days" and "priority 2: more than 42 days" and "surveillance").
Please also provide the average and longest delays, broken down into the different priorities.
- 2. The number of patients who waited/are waiting longer than the clinically assessed timeframe for a colonoscopy from January 1 2018 to July 31 2018, and what proportion this represents.**
Please break this information into different priorities (such as "urgent", "non-urgent" and "surveillance").
Please also provide the average and longest delays, broken down into the different priorities.
- 3. The number of dermatology referrals rejected in the first six months of 2018. Please state whether the patient in question was a child or adult, and what proportion of the total number of referrals those rejected represent.**

Please find as follows the information you request.

I trust this information answers your questions.

You are entitled under section 28 of the Official Information Act to seek a review of my response. 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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'PP Ailsa Claire'.

Ailsa Claire, OBE
Chief Executive

Att: Appendix 1 Gastroscopy
Appendix 2 Colonoscopy
Appendix 3 Dermatology

APPENDIX 1

GASTROSCOPY

Priority : Urgent
(timeframe within 14 Days)

2018	Numbers within timeframe	Numbers longer than timeframe	Total numbers	% within timeframe
Jan	50	0	50	100%
Feb	48	0	48	100%
Mar	46	4	50	92%
Apr	57	3	60	95%
May	51	0	51	100%
Jun	43	0	43	100%
Jul	51	1	52	98%

Priority : Routine
(timeframe within 42 Days)

2018	Numbers within timeframe	Numbers longer than timeframe	Total numbers	% within timeframe
Jan	204	185	389	52%
Feb	203	168	371	55%
Mar	212	203	415	51%
Apr	206	239	445	46%
May	230	249	479	48%
Jun	214	245	459	47%
Jul	249	254	503	50%

Priority : Surveillance
(timeframe within 84 days)

2018	Numbers within timeframe	Numbers longer than timeframe	Total numbers	% within timeframe
Jan	27	14	41	66%
Feb	32	22	54	59%
Mar	25	27	52	48%
Apr	34	24	58	59%
May	31	29	60	52%
Jun	38	23	61	62%
Jul	33	34	67	49%

APPENDIX 2

COLONOSCOPY

Priority : Urgent
(timeframe: within 14 days)

2018	Numbers within timeframe	Numbers longer than timeframe	Total Numbers	% within timeframe
Jan	48	0	48	100%
Feb	66	1	67	99%
Mar	46	4	50	92%
Apr	71	2	73	97%
May	58	0	58	100%
Jun	51	0	51	100%
Jul	63	0	63	100%

Priority : Routine
(timeframe within 42 days)

2018	Numbers within timeframe	Numbers longer than timeframe	Total Numbers	% within timeframe
Jan	260	191	451	58%
Feb	318	89	407	78%
Mar	343	82	425	81%
Apr	342	129	471	73%
May	370	151	521	71%
Jun	361	71	432	84%
Jul	383	104	487	79%

Priority: Surveillance
(Timeframe within 84 days)

2018	Numbers within timeframe	Numbers longer than timeframe	Total Numbers	% within timeframe
Jan	318	227	545	58%
Feb	331	238	569	58%
Mar	338	234	572	59%
Apr	320	198	518	62%
May	295	175	470	63%
Jun	304	186	490	62%
Jul	271	154	425	64%

**APPENDIX 3
Dermatology**

Dermatology Adult

2018	Referrals received	Referrals declined	Decline rate (%)
Jan	233	9	3.9%
Feb	211	4	1.9%
Mar	237	1	0.4%
Apr	235	6	2.6%
May	247	8	3.2%
Jun	227	16	7.0%
Total for 6months	1390	44	3.2%

**Dermatology
Childrens**

2018	Referrals received	Referrals declined	Decline rate (%)
Jan	51	4	7.8%
Feb	60	6	10.0%
Mar	67	7	10.4%
Apr	66	6	9.1%
May	73	5	6.8%
Jun	62	2	3.2%
Total for 6months	379	30	7.9%

