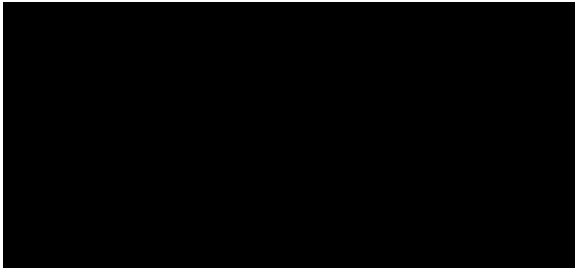


20 October 2021



Re: Official Information Act request – OIA Data, Auckland DHB

I refer to your Official Information Act request dated 23 September 2021 requesting the following information:

Basically it would be good to know that as of August 17 how many surgeries had to be cancelled because of level four, and since then how many have to be scheduled now that we are in level three (I am assuming here that in the last five weeks more people have needed to reschedule a surgery?).

RESPONSE

We have interpreted your response to include patients that had or were planned to have surgery in an operating room environment (either as an inpatient or day case) across adult and paediatric surgical services. We have not included other procedures outside of this environment and have not included maternity services.

Almost all of the patients cancelled or rescheduled remain on our planned care waiting list and will be booked into future capacity as it become available. We cannot quantify exactly how many as the condition of some of these patients may change before they reach their new booking date.

The table below shows the planned activity per week, actual activity, and shortfall. The recorded COVID-19 deferrals shows patients that had their planned surgery deferred and recorded as due to the COVID-19 response. The shortfall in activity will not match recorded deferrals as some patients will be deferred for other reasons and, especially in latter weeks, patients were not booked to lists and therefore did not require deferring.

Fig 1. Surgeries Cancelled, Rescheduled or Postponed

Week beginning	12 Jul	19 Jul	26 Jul	2 Aug	9 Aug	16 Aug	23 Aug	30 Aug	6 Sep	13 Sep	20 Sep	27 Sep
Planned delivery	470	470	470	470	476	476	476	476	481	485	485	485
Actual delivery	457	479	486	487	511	280	105	121	152	198	275	330
Shortfall (plan vs actual)	-13	9	16	17	35	-196	-371	-355	-329	-287	-210	-155
Recorded COVID-19 deferrals						108	383	257	94	78	46	42

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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