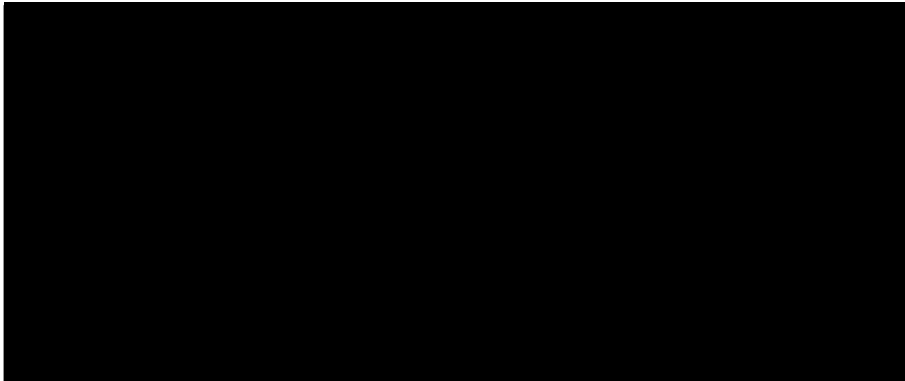


11 November 2020



Re: Official Information Act request – waiting list for rheumatology dept

I refer to your Official Information Act request dated 23 October 2020 requesting the following information:

I want to know how many people are on the current waiting list for the Rheumatology department. I would like to have these divided by priority and an estimate on waiting times as well, if possible.

As of the 15 October we have 185 patients on our waiting list for the Rheumatology department with 90% of these patients having an appointment with our team within 59 days.

In terms of priority these are broken down:

- Priority 1 - 39 Patients with an average wait time 18 days
- Priority 2 - 133 Patients with an average wait time 33 days
- Priority to be set- 13 Patients

Priority 1 – appointment timeline to be seen within 2-4 weeks

Priority 2 – appointment timeline to be seen within 6 weeks

Priority 3 – appointment timeline to be seen within 4 months

Priority 4 – Virtual appointment

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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