



25 May 2022

Re: Official Information Act Request re: planned care wait times

Thank you for your request for information under the Official Information Act received on 28 April 2022. Please see the following answers to your questions.

In response to your request, we can provide the following information:

As a person moves through the Planned Care system, there are a number of key decision points – from when the person is first referred for a specialist assessment, through assessment, diagnostic tests, treatment and follow up, to the point when the person returns to the care of their GP.

For the below tables,
2016/17 indicates from 01 March 2016 to 28 February 2017
2021/22 indicates from 01 March 2021 to 28 February 2022

- 1. Please provide the length of time for patients on the waiting list who were referred by their GP to Specialist in your district (incl. count of events and average wait days).**

- a. Hip replacement**
- b. Knee replacement**
- c. Hysterectomy (or general gynae)**
- d. Breast reconstruction**
- e. Gall bladder**
- f. CT/MRI/PET scan**
- g. colonoscopy**

<u>Outpatients Clinics</u>	Counts		Average Wait Time (days)	
	2016/17	2021/22	2016/17	2021/22
Hip	138	138	98	40
Knee	117	117	100	42
Hysterectomy	44	31	64	73
Gall Bladder	47	56	37	61
Colonoscopy	527	391	43	56

<u>Radiology Scans</u>	Counts		Average Wait Time (days)	
	2016/17	2021/22	2016/17	2021/22
CT	6454	7725	84	118
MRI	2310	3700	105	148

Data on PET scans is unavailable as this information is not something we collect. Also CT and MRI data is for everyone who has been referred for CT and MRI scans in Rotorua. These include referrals for patients prior to their outpatients, ED, and surgical interventions. Urgent scans are completed within 24 hours for all modalities.

2. Please provide the length of time for patients on the waiting list, who are awaiting surgery in your district (incl. count of events and average wait days) for the following:

- a. Hip replacement**
- b. Knee replacement**
- c. Hysterectomy**
- d. Breast reconstruction**
- e. Gall bladder**
- f. CT/MRI/PET scan.**

Elective procedures	Counts		Average Wait Time (days)	
	2016/17	2021/22	2016/17	2021/22
Hip	174	256	111	173
Knee	138	228	131	185
Hysterectomy	138	56	114	160
Breast reconstruction	0	0	0	0
Gall Bladder	65	95	96	136
Colonoscopy	527	391	43	56

3. Could you please provide the average wait time for patients being treated with the following cancers: (include count of events and avg days)

- a. Lung**
- b. Breast**
- c. cervical**
- d. Bowel**
- e. Prostate**
- f. Skin**

31-day indicator – patients with a confirmed cancer diagnosis receive their first cancer treatment (or other management) within 31 days of a decision to treat.

31 day indicator	Counts		Average Wait Time (days)	
	2016/17	2021/22	2016/17	2021/22
Lung	15	16	13	6
Breast	24	38	16	17
Cervical	1	1	20	11
Bowel	3	1	3	0
Prostate	1	3	0	7

4. Please feel free to provide any explanation or clarification which will help me understand the above data.

This is not an OIA.

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