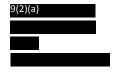


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RE Official Information Act request CDHB 10197

I refer to your email dated 14 October 2019 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act from Canterbury DHB.

1. The number of women who received radiation therapy for the most recent full year information is available broken down by: type of radiation therapy.

The information below covers the 2018 calendar year and we have interpreted your request as being for Breast Cancer patients only:

Post Mastectomy 75
Post Wide Local Excision 150

2. The number of women for each type of radiation therapy who were provided with fully funded Mepitel film.

Post Mastectomy 75 women were eligible for fully funded Mepitel film of which five declined.

Post Wide Local Excision Three women; one of whom was eligible and two who were provided Mepitel

on compassionate grounds.*

Note: *For patients who wish to have Mepitel but for whom the cost is restrictive, we would encourage them to discuss this with their treating clinicians.

3. The number of women for each type of radiation therapy who were <u>not recommended</u> Mepitel film and who were given information about how to purchase Mepitel film directly from the supplier.

Post Mastectomy (

Post Wide Local Excision 147 women were given information about how to purchase Mepitel.

I trust that this satisfies your interest in this matter.

Please note that this response, or an edited version of this response, may be published on the Canterbury DHB website after your receipt of this response.

Yours sincerely

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