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RE Official information request CDHB 10384

I refer to your email dated 10 August 2020 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act from Canterbury DHB. Specifically:

- 1. How many Canterbury DHB orthopaedic patients are awaiting a first specialist assessment (FSA) and how many are awaiting surgery?**

The number of Canterbury DHB orthopaedic patients who are awaiting a first specialist assessment (FSA) and the number who are awaiting surgery as at 20 August 2020:

Please refer to **Table one** (below)

Table one:

	Canterbury DHB	Other DHB	West Coast DHB	Total
Admitting - Intended Admission	680	19	20	719
Non-Admitting - New - FSA	531	11	5	547

- 2. What is the average waiting time in Canterbury for a FSA for orthopaedic patients?**

The average wait time for orthopaedic patients having FSA from 01 January 2020 to 30 June 2020 i.e. number of patients who attended appointments and their average wait time. Please refer to **Table two** (below).

Table two:

	Canterbury DHB	Other DHB	West Coast DHB	Total
Distinct Count	1023	13	16	1052
Average wait time (days)	104.41	160.77	101.5	105.06

3. Once a Canterbury orthopaedic patient is accepted for surgery, what is the average waiting time?

The average wait time for orthopaedic patients accepted for surgery from 01 January 2020 to 30 June 2020 i.e. number of patients who had surgery and their average wait time. Please refer to **Table three** (below)

Table three:

	Canterbury DHB	Other DHB	West Coast DHB	Total
Distinct Count	887	15	19	921
Average Wait time (days)	128.21	75	86.16	126.47

4. In the six months to June 30, how many requests did the Canterbury DHB receive for orthopaedic FSAs and how many did it reject?

Please refer to **Table four** (below) for referrals to orthopaedic surgery from 01 January 2020 to 30 June 2020.

Table four:

	Canterbury DHB	Other DHB	West Coast DHB	Total
Accepted	1676	41	26	1743
Declined	1733	21	17	1771
Below Threshold	1076	7	9	1092
Insufficient Information	588	11	6	605
Not Eligible for Public Funded Care	18	2	1	21
Service Not Required / Appropriate	51	1	1	53
Not Decided	15		1	16
Pending Eligibility Confirmation	2	-	-	2
Pending Test Results	13	-	1	14
Transferred	55	3	4	62
To another DHB / Organisation	2	2	3	7
To another Facility / Specialty in same DHB	53	1	1	55
Unknown Outcome - Pre-prioritisation	236	6	2	244

5. How many joint surgeries a year is Canterbury DHB funded for?

Canterbury DHB is funded through population-based funding.

I trust 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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