

2 September 2022

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RE Official information request ChChD 10923 HNZ 3546

I refer to your email received on 5th July 2022 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act from Waitaha Canterbury. Specifically:

- 1. How many planned surgeries took place each month by surgical type, July 2019 – June 2020, July 2020 - June 2021 and July 2021- June 2022?**

Attached as **Appendix 1** is a full breakdown by surgical type.

Table One: Surgical Elective Discharges			
	2019/2020	2020/2021	2021/2022
July	1,785	2,016	1,649
August	1,790	2,015	1,335
September	1,725	2,087	1,943
October	1,640	1,812	1,676
November	1,849	1,687	1,929
December	1,477	1,557	1,605
January	1,344	1,133	1,052
February	1,642	1,681	1,583
March	1,637	2,110	1,485
April	618	1,651	893
May	1,885	2,013	1,481
June	2,037	2,074	1,394

- 2. How many people are waiting for a planned surgery (any type)?**

There were 6,951 people waiting for planned surgery as at 30 June 2022.

- 3. How many are waiting longer than 120 days?**

There were 2,876 people waiting longer than 120 days.

- a. How does this compare to the same time last year?**

As at 30 June 2021 there were 5,449 patients waiting for planned surgery, with 1,004 of those waiting over 120 days.

Can you also let me know for the past month, broken down by week?

4. **How many non-urgent surgeries were supposed to be scheduled but weren't scheduled?**

It is difficult to tell who should have been scheduled but wasn't. Over the 5 weeks in June there were 1,609 elective surgical discharges, compared to the same period last year there were 2,357 discharges. Taking the cancellations below into account it could be assumed that there were around 600 admissions that were not scheduled.

a. **Why were they not scheduled?**

Due to constraints in theatre and staffing resources we have not been able to book the surgeries that we usually would as we have only had enough resources to meet the demand of acute care only.

5. **How many non-urgent scheduled surgeries were deferred?**

Table Two: Cancellations	
Week ended 05/06/2022	71
Week ended 12/06/2022	15
Week ended 19/06/2022	12
Week ended 26/06/2022	9
Week ended 03/07/2022	36



a. **Why were they deferred?**

Surgeries have been deferred due to our organisation's response to the COVID – 19 pandemic. With high numbers of staff sickness we had to reduce our service delivery over a period of time to essential services only, due to staff sickness. This staff sickness is across all groups.

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 Waitaha Canterbury website after your receipt of this response.

Ngā mihi / Yours sincerely,

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Acute-Elective - Elective

Discharge Event		Discharge Health Specialty Display														Surgical Total
Discharge	Finan	Surgical														
		S00 - General Surgery	S15 - Cardioth oracic Surgery	S20 - Dental Surgery	S24 - Maxillo- Facial Surgery	S25 - Otorhino laryngol ogy (ENT)	S30 - Gynaecol ogy	S35 - Neurosurg ery	S40 - Ophthal mology	S45 - Orthopa edic Surgery	S50 - Spinal Surgery	S59 - Specialis t Paediatric Surgery	S60 - Plastic Surgery [excludin g burns]	S70 - Urology	S75 - Vascular Surgery	
2019/20	1 - Jul	221	38	73	22	150	53	30	258	230	20	56	454	134	46	1,785
	2 - Aug	199	30	72	19	201	29	38	249	242	15	78	412	157	49	1,790
	3 - Sep	227	19	66	27	174	58	33	233	235	9	56	379	138	71	1,725
	4 - Oct	232	22	71	10	158	51	21	223	167	13	60	427	141	44	1,640
	5 - Nov	287	21	61	10	182	88	26	247	226	13	60	411	144	73	1,849
	6 - Dec	194	26	48	10	110	139	30	186	192	11	50	321	111	49	1,477
	7 - Jan	227	9	45	14	132	171	18	150	140	7	50	235	119	27	1,344
	8 - Feb	227	17	57	13	165	136	30	174	209	18	54	376	126	40	1,642
	9 - Mar	259	22	48	10	160	132	34	193	209	11	38	352	116	53	1,637
	10 - Apr	58	21			32	90	19	39	8		23	204	95	29	618
	11 - May	287	28	47	15	196	147	29	268	158	5	60	357	164	124	1,885
	12 - Jun	284	29	79	18	204	134	19	257	255	8	62	494	135	59	2,037
2020/21	1 - Jul	251	23	84	13	220	159	30	266	244	12	56	463	144	51	2,016
	2 - Aug	291	25	77	21	147	148	31	272	247	15	65	447	169	60	2,015
	3 - Sep	286	30	80	17	181	160	32	299	240	9	46	498	145	64	2,087
	4 - Oct	254	24	73	10	163	152	23	280	231	13	56	322	140	71	1,812
	5 - Nov	210	19	70	15	121	141	20	220	242	11	54	387	118	59	1,687
	6 - Dec	178	15	68	12	141	146	25	192	220	6	54	341	123	36	1,557
	7 - Jan	158	15	45	7	93	97	28	111	108	5	49	279	99	39	1,133
	8 - Feb	192	19	70	10	149	144	31	238	213	12	48	371	139	45	1,681
	9 - Mar	273	19	82	15	188	171	41	278	258	8	67	492	162	56	2,110
	10 - Apr	235	16	62	6	161	143	30	166	210	2	55	385	129	52	1,652
	11 - May	256	25	70	13	190	180	34	269	280	8	52	430	151	55	2,013
	12 - Jun	295	25	78	13	195	153	33	336	288	3	47	403	117	88	2,074
2021/22	1 - Jul	218	18	42	7	147	157	35	172	255	8	41	352	139	58	1,649
	2 - Aug	191	14	46	8	119	146	29	105	147	4	38	329	110	49	1,335
	3 - Sep	230	30	87	10	149	170	36	233	254	4	61	455	155	69	1,943
	4 - Oct	214	19	66	9	129	128	36	186	240	7	51	385	131	75	1,676
	5 - Nov	221	27	94	17	135	149	30	293	251	7	59	453	133	60	1,929
	6 - Dec	192	20	60	9	133	140	28	239	201	7	42	349	137	48	1,605
	7 - Jan	127	18	62	11	71	115	21	119	129	5	42	218	84	30	1,052
	8 - Feb	208	26	71	7	115	124	35	229	203	5	48	347	93	72	1,583
	9 - Mar	243	24	62	9	98	105	29	169	117	1	32	430	103	63	1,485
	10 - Apr	159	16	20	2	70	54	13	114	11	2	27	292	87	26	893
	11 - May	191	22	61	10	86	131	20	225	68	6	38	421	139	65	1,483
	12 - Jun	145	14	63	6	86	112	15	255	138	6	42	349	114	56	1,401
Grand Total		7,920	785	2,260	425	5,151	4,553	1,012	7,743	7,066	296	1,817	13,620	4,641	2,011	59,300

Discharge Financial Month	S00 - General Surgery	S15 - Cardiothor acic Surgery	S20 - Dental Surgery	S24 - Maxillo- Facial Surgery	S25 - Otorhinolar yngology (ENT)	S30 - Gynaecolog y	S35 - Neurosurge ry	S40 - Ophthalmo logy	S45 - Orthopaedi c Surgery	S50 - Spinal Surgery	S59 - Specialist Paediatric Surgery [Others]	S60 - Plastic Surgery [excluding burns]	S70 - Urology	S75 - Vascular Surgery	Total
Jul-19	221	38	73	22	150	53	30	258	230	20	56	454	134	46	1,785
Aug-19	199	30	72	19	201	29	38	249	242	15	78	412	157	49	1,790
Sep-19	227	19	66	27	174	58	33	233	235	9	56	379	138	71	1,725
Oct-19	232	22	71	10	158	51	21	223	167	13	60	427	141	44	1,640
Nov-19	287	21	61	10	182	88	26	247	226	13	60	411	144	73	1,849
Dec-19	194	26	48	10	110	139	30	186	192	11	50	321	111	49	1,477
Jan-20	227	9	45	14	132	171	18	150	140	7	50	235	119	27	1,344
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Mar-20	259	22	48	10	160	132	34	193	209	11	38	352	116	53	1,637
Apr-20	58	21			32	90	19	39	8		23	204	95	29	618
May-20	287	28	47	15	196	147	29	268	158	5	60	357	164	124	1,885
Jun-20	284	29	79	18	204	134	19	257	255	8	62	494	135	59	2,037
Jul-20	251	23	84	13	220	159	30	266	244	12	56	463	144	51	2,016
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Oct-21	214	19	66	9	129	128	36	186	240	7	51	385	131	75	1,676
Nov-21	221	27	94	17	135	149	30	293	251	7	59	453	133	60	1,929
Dec-21	192	20	60	9	133	140	28	239	201	7	42	349	137	48	1,605
Jan-22	127	18	62	11	71	115	21	119	129	5	42	218	84	30	1,052
Feb-22	208	26	71	7	115	124	35	229	203	5	48	347	93	72	1,583
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