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RE Official information request CDHB 10484

I refer to your email dated 17 November 2020 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act from Canterbury DHB. Specifically:

1. **Could you please provide the length of time for patients on the waiting list who was referred by their GP to a Specialist in the Canterbury region:**

- Knee Replacement

Please refer to **Table One** below which shows the average wait time for patients referred by their GP for a First Specialist Assessment for Knee Replacement.

Table One

Knee Replacement	
128136007 - Disorder of knee (disorder)	
239720000 - Tear of meniscus of knee (disorder)	
239873007 - Osteoarthritis of knee (disorder)	
37785001 - Patellar tendonitis (disorder)	
Number of patients	160*
Average wait time	51.00

* Number of patients currently on wait list as at 3/12/2020 referred by GP to Specialist for FSA.

- Hip Replacement

Please refer to **Table Two** below which shows the average wait time for patients referred by their GP for a First Specialist Assessment for Hip Replacement.

Table Two

Hip Replacement	
239872002 - Osteoarthritis of hip (disorder)	
118935006 - Disorder of hip region (disorder)	
Number of patients	150*
Average wait time	46.49

* Number of patients currently on wait list as at 3/12/2020 referred by GP to Specialist for FSA.

- Hysterectomy

Patients are not referred to a specialist directly for a Hysterectomy by their GP.

2. Could you please provide the length of time for patients on the waiting list who are awaiting surgery in the Canterbury regions for the following surgery:

- Knee Replacement

Please refer to **Table Three** below which shows the average wait time for patients awaiting surgery for Knee Replacement.

Table Three

Knee Replacement	
4951700 - Hemi-arthroplasty of knee	
4951800 - Total arthroplasty of knee, unilateral	
4951900 - Total arthroplasty of knee, bilateral	
4952700 - Revision of total arthroplasty of knee	
4955700 - Arthroscopy of knee	
Number of patients	133
Average wait time	42.59

*** Data extracted as at 3/12/2020.**

- Hip Replacement

Please refer to **Table Four** below which shows the average wait time for patients awaiting surgery for Hip Replacement.

Table Four

Hip Replacement	
4931800 - Total arthroplasty of hip, unilateral	
4931900 - Total arthroplasty of hip, bilateral	
4932400 - Revision of total arthroplasty of hip	
Number of patients	126
Average wait time	39.58

*** Data extracted as at 3/12/2020.**

- Hysterectomy

Please refer to **Table Five** below which shows the average wait time for patients awaiting surgery for Hysterectomy.

Table Five*

Hysterectomy	
3565300 - Subtotal abdominal hysterectomy	
3565301 - Total abdominal hysterectomy	
3565305 - Laparoscopic subtotal abdominal hysterectomy	
3565307 - Laparoscopic total abdominal hysterectomy	
3565700 - Vaginal hysterectomy	
3565800 - Debulking of uterus preceding hysterectomy	
3566700 - Radical abdominal hysterectomy	
3566701 - Radical vaginal hysterectomy	
3566702 - Laparoscopic radical abdominal hysterectomy	
3566703 - Laparoscopically assisted radical vaginal hysterectomy	
3575000 - Laparoscopically assisted vaginal hysterectomy	
N993 - Prolapse of vaginal vault after hysterectomy	
Number of patients	54
Average wait time	88.18

*** Data extracted as at 3/12/2020.**

3. Could you please provide the length of time for patients on the waiting list who was referred by their GP to a Specialist in the Canterbury region:

- Bariatric Surgery

Bariatric patients are generally seen for their First Specialist Assessment within 120 days of referral, with the average wait time currently sitting at 41 days (as at 27 November 2020). We currently have no non-compliant patients awaiting First Specialist Assessment.

- Breast Reconstruction

Patients are not referred to a specialist directly for Breast Reconstruction surgery by their GP.

4. Could you please provide the length of time for patients on the waiting list for surgery in the Canterbury region:

- Bariatric Surgery

The Canterbury DHB provides Bariatric Surgery via outsourced contracts with Christchurch Weight Loss Surgery and St Georges Hospital. Every patient who is fit and ready for surgery receives their surgery within 120 days from referral. The only exception to this would be if the patient first required optimisation of their underlying medical and psychological health before undergoing surgery, including management of co-morbidities (such as Obstructive Sleep Apnoea and Diabetes). However, the patient would be aware of this.

- Breast Reconstruction

Please refer to **Table Six** below which shows the average wait time for patients awaiting surgery for Breast Reconstruction.

Table Six

Waiting List Procedure Status	Number of Patients	Average Wait time Until Surgery Completion (Days)
Normal*	10	110.6
Staged**	21	441

* Normal = when standard time frames should apply, i.e. within 4 months.

** Staged = used when the procedure requires two or more encounters to complete – i.e. a series of procedures, dependant on each other.

5. Could you please provide the length of time for patients on the waiting list who was referred in the Canterbury region for the following:

- CT/MRI/PET Scans

Patients triaged for scanning within a 4-week period currently have the following wait times (as at 8 December 2020):

CT: 4.1 weeks

MRI: 5.1 weeks

PET: These are outsourced to the Pacific Radiology Group, who have reported an average waiting time of one to two weeks.

- Colonoscopy

Please refer to **Table Seven** below which shows the average wait time for patients referred by their GP for a First Specialist Assessment for Colonoscopy.

Table Seven

Waitlist Sub type	
Colonoscopy	
Colonoscopy / Gastroscopy	
Flexi Sigmoidoscopy	
Number of patients	962
Average wait time	95.57

6. Could you please provide the average wait time for patients being treated with the following cancers:

- Lung
- Bowel
- Prostate
- Breast
- Cervical
- Skin

Please refer to **Table Eight** below which shows the average wait time for patients to receive treatment for Bowel, Lung, Skin, Breast, Cervical and Prostate Cancers, taken from day of decision to treat to day treatment initiated.

Table Eight*

Cancer Type	Number of People	Average wait time (Days)
Bowel	147	12.71
Lung	152	12.69
Skin	165	23.89
Breast	252	17.27
Cervical	18	12.33
Prostate	199	41.25

*Data shown is from 01/12/2019 to 30/11/2020 for Canterbury DHB.

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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