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RE Official information request CDHB 10355

I refer to your email dated 16 July 2020 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act from Canterbury DHB. Specifically:

- **Numbers of people as at 1st July 2020 who have completed Sleep Studies and have been diagnosed with needing treatment who have been on the waiting list for treatment to occur;**

Table One: Numbers of People as at 20th July on the waiting list for treatment:

Length of Time on Waitlist	Number of People
<30 days	48
30-90 days	27
91-180 days	88
180-365 days	91
>365 days	2
TOTAL	256

Out of the total people on the waitlist (256) as at 20th July;

- 40% will be seen in <30 days
- 23% will be seen in 30-90 days
- 26% will be seen in 91-180 days
- 10% will be seen in 180-365 days
- 0.004% will be seen in >365 days

Please also note the following intricacies in relation to this data:

- Did Not Attends are about 12% and the target dates of treatment are not adjusted.
- A small number of patients may have asked to have their treatment delayed.
- Target time for standard triage is 100 days, however the treat by date is entered in as 3 months for simplicity.
- The majority of patients on this waitlist would have had a sleep study several months prior either via community or within the hospital, and the decision to treat may come several months after their initial referral.

Our Sleep Studies service is working on a number of strategies to meet our target wait time for standard triage of <100 days.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Carolyn Gullery', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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