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RE Official Information Act request CDHB 10093

I refer to your email dated 30 April 2019 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act from Canterbury DHB.

Could you please provide complete data for each of the financial years ending 30 June 2016, 30 June 2017, 30 June 2018, and 30 June 2019 (to date) on the following?

- 1. Budgeted FTE for Radiation Therapists.**
- 2. Actual FTE for Radiation Therapists.**
- 3. Total number of LINAC radiotherapy sessions/fractions**

Table one:

Year ending	Budgeted FTE	Actual FTE	Total Number of LINAC radiotherapy sessions/fractions***	No. of procedures**
June 2016	42.5*	42	24815	1934
June 2017	40	40.8	24587	2129
June 2018	40	39.1	23601 ***	1938
2019 YTD (30 April)	40	39.9	19418 ***	1850 (projecting 2160-2210)**

Please Note:

**temporary increase in budgeted FTE from 1 Jan 2016 to Dec 2016 during machine replacement and requiring to work shifts on two linacs*

***Although the number of sessions have decreased, the number of procedures has increased. Improvements in fractionation schedules has reduced the number of sessions per patient course over this period. ROMPS (Radiation Oncology Medical Physicist) industrial action in March 2019 also had a small impact on clinical hours, limiting attendance.*

**** Number of sessions/fractions reduced due to improvements and standardisation of protocols for prostate cancer patients over the period.*

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

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

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