

# Canterbury

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### RE Official Information Act request CDHB 9804

I refer to your letter dated 22 February 2018 and received in our office on 1 March 2018 requesting the following information from Canterbury DHB under the Official Information Act.

Please provide the following information or reasons as to your perceived entitlement to not provide:

1. Up to date projections and assessments relating to patient numbers in your due restriction currently on waiting lists for elective services for:
  - Knee replacement
  - Hip replacement
  - Cataract treatment

**Table one:** Volumes of Surgery for Hip, Knee replacement and Cataract treatment as per the Canterbury DHB Elective Surgery Plan 2017/2018.

	Elective Surgery Plan 2017 / 2018	Surgeries Completed through to end of February*	On target to meet our service delivery as laid out in our Elective Surgery Plan by 30 June 2018.
Major joints – Knee and Hip replacement surgery	1185	839	Yes
Cataract surgery	1810	940	Yes

\*The numbers in column two will be higher. We are still awaiting updated data from Southern Cross Hospital.

In addition to the note that we are on target to meet our service delivery for the current year, also wish to advise that for the last five years Canterbury DHB has continued to provide cataract and major joint surgery well in excess of national targets for our population. Attached as **Appendix 1- Table two**.

2. **Please provide your assessment of the numbers of patients that have been successfully delayed elective treatment for the above services by various delays that have been instigated due to lack of funding.**
3. **Please provide a detailed breakdown schedule of all individual associated costs to your board relating to all the above procedures.**

We are declining a response to these two questions under section 18(f) of the Official Information Act i.e. *"...the information cannot be made available without substantial collation or research"*.

4. **Please provide a projection of the full capacity of your existing facilities to handle each of the three listed procedures.**

Answered as per table in question 1, but we also provide service through internal, outplaced, outsourced and other DHB capacity.

5. **Please provide details relating to your projected negative variance in your budget compared to the required funding to meet demand. Please break the demand into two sections, backlog and normal.**

We are declining a response to this question under section 18(f) of the Official Information Act i.e. *"...the information cannot be made available without substantial collation or research."*

6. **Finally, please provide details relating to steps if any the Government is taking towards increasing your budget particularly in relation to geriatric health care.**

Canterbury DHB does not hold this information. This is a question that only the Government or Ministry of Health can answer. We are therefore declining a response under 18(g) of the Official Information Act.

If you disagree with our decision to withhold information you may, under section 28(3) of the official Information Act, seek an investigation and review of our decision from the Ombudsman.

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.

Yours sincerely



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Appendix 1 Table two:

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Trend over Time - SI-04 Procedures												
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Specialty	Year End	Raw Intervention Rate per 10,000	National Intervention Rate per 10,000	National Intervention Target Rate per 10,000	Standardised Intervention Rate per 10,000	Change in SIR	Ranking	Lower CI limit (95% CI)	Upper CI Limit (95% CI)	Actual Discharges	Expected Discharges	Variance from National Target
Major Joints	30 Sep 2013	20.08	21.54	21.00	20.92		12	19.67	22.25	1,023	1,053	Not Significantly Different
Major Joints	30 Sep 2014	22.99	22.89	21.00	23.86	↑ 2.94	11	22.54	25.26	1,197	1,148	Significantly Above Target
Major Joints	30 Sep 2015	20.94	22.97	21.00	21.81	↓ -2.05	16	20.56	23.14	1,116	1,175	Not Significantly Different
Major Joints	30 Sep 2016	23.75	23.24	21.00	24.86	↑ 3.05	10	23.54	26.26	1,297	1,212	Significantly Above Target
Major Joints	30 Sep 2017	25.42	24.81	21.00	26.47	↑ 1.61	6	25.13	27.90	1,420	1,331	Significantly Above Target
Cataracts	30 Sep 2013	31.60	32.75	27.00	34.86		9	33.19	36.61	1,610	1,513	Significantly Above Target
Cataracts	30 Sep 2014	28.71	32.71	27.00	31.67	↓ -3.18	13	30.10	33.33	1,495	1,544	Significantly Above Target
Cataracts	30 Sep 2015	28.70	33.11	27.00	31.91	↑ 0.24	13	30.34	33.55	1,530	1,588	Significantly Above Target
Cataracts	30 Sep 2016	35.01	34.86	27.00	38.47	↑ 6.56	6	36.78	40.24	1,912	1,733	Significantly Above Target
Cataracts	30 Sep 2017	32.13	35.47	27.00	35.20	↓ -3.27	11	33.60	36.87	1,795	1,809	Significantly Above Target