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I refer to your email dated 1 May 2019 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act from Canterbury DHB.

- 1. The number of patients who have been diagnosed with a Thyroglossal Duct Cyst as individual figures for the months of:
  - a. Jan Dec 2018
  - b. Jan Mar 2019

We are only able to provide information regarding patients who are admitted to one of our hospitals for treatment of Thyroglossal Duct Cyst.

There were fifteen patients discharged in the calendar year 2018 with a diagnosis of Thyroglossal Cyst or Persistent Thyroglossal Cyst. There were five patients discharged in calendar year 2019 (January to March) with a diagnosis of Thyroglossal Cyst or Persistent Thyroglossal cyst.

Please refer to **Table one** below for a monthly breakdown of hospital discharges.

## Table one:

	2018											
Description	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Thyroglossal Cyst	2	1	1	1	2	1	3	1	2	1	2	1
	2019											
Description	Jan	Feb	Mar	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Thyroglossal Cyst	1	3	1									

**Please note:** some patients had more than one admission/discharge.

- 2. The number of sistrunk surgeries that were completed for each month as individual figures for the months of:
  - a. Jan Dec 2018b. Jan Apr 2019

There were eleven patients discharged in the calendar year 2018 following excision of Thyroglossal Cyst (Sistrunk surgery), and five patients discharged in calendar year 2019 (January to March) following excision of Thyroglossal Cyst (Sistrunk surgery).

Please refer to **Table two** below for a monthly breakdown of hospital discharges.

## Table two:

	2018											
Description	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Excision of												
Thyroglossal Cyst	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	0	1	1	2	0
(Sistrunk surgery).												
	2019											
Description	Jan	Feb	Mar	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Excision of												
Thyroglossal Cyst	1	3	1									
(Sistrunk surgery).												

Please note: some patients had more than one procedure.

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

Carolyn Gullery **Executive Director** 

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