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### RE Official information request CDHB 10483

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

1. **What the surgery threshold is for:**
  - a. **endometriosis laparoscopic surgery**

Demand for all Gynaecology Surgery at Canterbury DHB is above our current capacity, so we need to triage referrals to ensure we prioritise patients based on clinical need in line with Ministry of Health (MoH) guidelines. <https://www.health.govt.nz/publication/diagnosis-and-management-endometriosis-new-zealand>

Due to the increasing evidence that women do not benefit from the historic model of care, which places strong reliance on repeat surgery (i.e. recurrent excisional laparoscopy for endometriosis) we take a whole person multidisciplinary approach, in line with the MoH endometriosis guidelines.

Despite current capacity limitations, we believe we provide a high level of service to women with endometriosis.

- b. **knee replacement**

The CPAC score for Canterbury DHB funded elective surgery for knee replacement is 50.

- c. **hip replacement**

The CPAC score for Canterbury DHB funded elective surgery for hip replacement is 50.

2. **Can I also find out whether any surgery thresholds have changed in the last five years at your DHB. Can this include what the threshold change was and for what surgery.**

Capacity has been an issue for Gynaecology Surgery over the last two years due to several factors including vacancies, terror attack, white island disaster, coronavirus and delay in the opening of the new Waipapa hospital. As mentioned above this has required us to triage patients based on clinical need.

The threshold for Knee and Hip replacements haven't changed in the past five years.

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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