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RE Official Information Act request CDHB 10610

I refer to your email dated 18 May 2021 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act from Canterbury DHB regarding labral tear hip surgery. Specifically:

I request information for each of the past five years including numbers, age and gender for:

1. The number of patients who have requested labral tear hip surgery, broken down by age and gender

We do not hold this information. Patients don't request surgery, they are referred for a 'First Specialist Assessment' (FSA) either by their GP or a Private Specialist. Declined under section 18(g) of the Official Information Act.

2. The number of patients who have been declined labral tear hip surgery, broken down by age and gender

3. The range of reasons given to patients who were declined

4. The number of patients who have been referred for assessment, broken down by age and gender

5. The number of patients who have been referred elsewhere for surgery, broken down by age and gender

When a patient is referred from their GP or a Private Specialist the referral is based on the symptoms of the patient and not the diagnosis, therefore we do not hold information specifically relating to labral tear hip surgery e.g. the referral could say 'Disorder of Hip Region' or 'Hip Pain' or similar. We would not refer patients elsewhere for surgery. Declined pursuant to section 18(g) of the Official Information Act.

6. Correspondence between the CDHB and ACC on reasons patients will not be covered by ACC.

We are declining your request for correspondence on reasons patients will not be covered by ACC. This would be an ACC decision and not a Canterbury DHB decision. Declined pursuant to section 18(g) of the Official Information Act i.e. "... we do not hold this information".

7. Please also outline the total cost for the labral tear hip surgery

While we cannot identify referrals, we can identify procedures undertaken. There were nine procedures (code 96225-00 - Arthroscopic repair of hip) performed over the last five years at an average cost of \$19,617 per procedure.

You may, under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act, seek a review of our decision to withhold information by the Ombudsman. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz; or Freephone 0800 802 602.

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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