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RE Official information request CDHB 10329

I refer to your email dated 5 June 2020 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act from Canterbury DHB. Specifically:

- **As at February 2015 could you please supply the waiting list time if someone wanted to have a MRI/CAT scan. (That is, if someone was referred for a scan how long was the wait time before they were seen).**

The number of referrals accepted for scan as at the end of February 2015 for MRI or CT scan was 238 for CT and 348 for MRI. Please refer to **Table one** (below).

Table one: Number of outpatients* who waited for an MRI or CT scan as at February 2015.

2015	CT			MRI		
	Total number of accepted referrals** waiting for scan at the end of the month	Number of referrals waiting six weeks or less	Number of referrals waiting 21 weeks or less	Total number of accepted referrals waiting for scan at the end of the month	Number of referrals waiting six weeks or less	Number of referrals waiting 21 weeks or less
February	238	171	223	348	325	346

* Inpatients do not wait – the service completes scanning within 1 hour/ 4 hours/ 24 hours contingent upon triage.

**The total number of 'referrals' does not necessarily correlate with the numbers waiting six weeks or 21 weeks or less.

Please note: The triaging criteria determines the priority the referral is given when being booked as an outpatient. It is based solely on the clinical urgency indicated by the clinical information given on the referral. The criteria to be followed is:

- Within 1 to 2 days
- Within 2 weeks
- Within 4 weeks

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 underline.

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