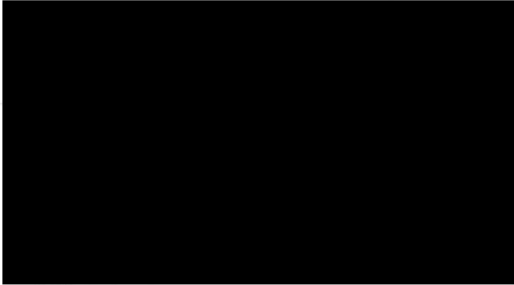


24 September 2021



Official information request W21-654 Elective, imaging and mental health delays

I refer to your official information request dated 07 September and received in this office 09 September 2021.

Request:

- How many surgeries, planned procedures, including MRI and CT scans, and appointments were postponed at level 4 and 3?
- How many colonoscopies were delayed at level 4 and 3?
- How many mental health outpatient appointments were delayed under level 4 and 3?
- At the time of the announcement of a second nationwide level 4 lockdown on August 17, was your DHB still dealing with a backlog of planned care due to the first level 4 lockdown which began in March 2020?
- How long do you expect it will take to clear these backlogs (assuming we have no more lockdowns)
- How will you prioritise those people who had their appointments postponed at level 3 and 4?

Response:

The information you have requested is below.

- **How many surgeries, planned procedures, including MRI and CT scans, and appointments were postponed at level 4 and 3?**

| Patient Activity | Week ended 22/08/2021 | Week ended 29/08/2021 | Week ended 5/09/2021 | Week ended 12/09/2021 |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Planned Care Interventions Inpatient cancellations | 10 | 20 | 13 | 0 |
| First Specialist Assessments & Follow Up cancellations (number of patients impacted) | 77 | 98 | 44 | 4 |
| Diagnostic radiology scan cancellations - CT, MRI, Ultrasound (number of scans cancelled) | 137 | 24 | 2 | 1 |

- **How many colonoscopies were delayed at level 4 and 3?**

| Patient Activity | Week ended 22/08/2021 | Week ended 29/08/2021 | Week ended 5/09/2021 | Week ended 12/09/2021 |
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| Endoscopy procedure cancellations (number of procedures impacted) | 7 | 23 | 0 | 0 |

- **How many mental health outpatient appointments were delayed under level 4 and 3?** This information is held by Capital & Coast DHB as the 3DHB mental health provider.
- **At the time of the announcement of a second nationwide level 4 lockdown on August 17, was your DHB still dealing with a backlog of planned care due to the first level 4 lockdown which began in March 2020?** We are unaware of any patients on our planned care waiting lists on August 17th who were deferred from the previous lockdown in March 2020.
- **How long do you expect it will take to clear these backlogs (assuming we have no more lockdowns)** Not applicable. Please reference previous response above.
- **How will you prioritise those people who had their appointments postponed at level 3 and 4?** Patients are all prioritised based on clinical need.

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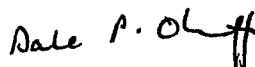
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Yours sincerely



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