Wairarapa DHB
Wairarapa District Health Board
Te Poari Hauora a-rohe o Wairarapa

20 August 2020

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Dear [redacted]

Official information request W20-485

I refer to your official information request dated 01 July 2020 to the Ministry of Health. It was transferred to us on 23 July 2020.

Request:

I'm keen to get a picture of how COVID-19 has impacted on the community oral health service for pre-school and primary school children.

Can you please let me know the current percentage of overdue cases across the Northern, Midland, Central and Southern regions– and how that compares to the past two years. What are the longest wait times? Where are they?

Response:

The information you have requested is below.

- The current percentage of overdue cases is 11.7%. There are 34 on our waitlist and four are overdue.
- Our current waitlist is nine months. The patient is booked in for 28 August 2020. Two years ago, a patient waited 13 months and another 11 months for an appointment.

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Yours sincerely

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