

5 September 2018

Dear [REDACTED]

Official information request W18-235

I refer to your official information request dated 8 August 2018.

Request:

I am writing to request the following information on cancer surgery waiting lists:

As of August 1 2018:

1. How many patients were on lung, bowel, prostate, breast, cervical and skin cancer surgical waiting lists
2. What is the longest time for a patient on the waiting list for lung, bowel, prostate, breast, cervical and skin cancer surgery
3. What the average wait time is for patients on lung, bowel, prostate, breast, cervical and skin cancer surgical waiting lists
4. Whether the DHB is meeting FCT health targets (by quarter, from Aug 2016 to Aug 2018)

Response:

Part of the information you have requested is enclosed. However, we have decided to refuse your request for information which relates to questions 1, 2 and 3 under section 18(f) of the Official Information Act. Wairarapa DHB does not keep separate statistics for different tumour types. To provide the information requested would require substantive review of records at a cost to the requestor. You are welcome to reframe your question.

In answer to question 4 the DHB met its target for FCT for 6 of the 12 months from August 2016 to July 2017, and for three of the twelve months from August 2017 to July 2018, with two of these months falling only marginally short.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

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personal or identifying information will be redacted from any response published online. The DHB will endeavour to resolve any concerns you should raise but, subject to any legal grounds for withholding, ultimately reserves the right to publish any information.

If you wish to discuss this response with us, please feel free to contact:

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Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of several loops and a trailing flourish.

Adri Isbister

Chief Executive