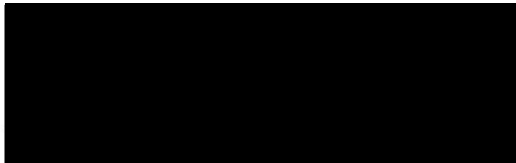




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Dear 

Re: Official Information Act request – clinical priority assessment criteria threshold level

Thank you for your Official Information Act request received on 2 July 2019 requesting the Clinical Priority Assessment Criteria (CPAC) threshold level in order to be eligible for publicly funded electives for the following elective procedures:

- Cardiothoracic
- Ear, nose and throat
- General surgery
- Gynaecology
- Neurosurgery
- Ophthalmology
- Orthopaedics
- Paediatric surgical
- Plastic and burns
- Urology
- Vascular surgery

As per our earlier advice, parts of your request have been transferred to the other metro Auckland DHBs which provide the relevant services for the Waitematā population.

Auckland DHB will respond to your questions concerning cardiothoracic, neurosurgery, ophthalmology, paediatric surgical and vascular surgery services.

Counties Manukau DHB will respond to your question on plastics and burns services.

For your information, the following has been sourced from the Electives Resource Pack, Module 5 – Clinical Prioritization from the Ministry of Health dated May 2014:

“The Clinical Priority Assessment Criteria (CPAC) tools provide a framework to assess the patient’s relative priority based on a range of medical, social and complicating factors and are a documented assessment tool used to prioritise patients. These dimensions generate a total score, scoring patients from 0 to 100 (least to most-urgent). There are two different types of CPAC tools used across DHBs and across surgical specialties, ‘national tools’ and ‘nationally recognised local tools’. Nationally recognised local tools are used for specialties where no nationally developed tool exists.

DHBs individually determine thresholds for access to publicly funded electives for their communities. Individual DHBs establish their own thresholds as quantitative information such as intervention rates,

the number of referrals received / accepted and qualitative information from referrers and surgical services need to be considered to determine an appropriate level of access.”

This response covers only those services Waitematā DHB provides. Please see our responses to your questions below:

Waitematā DHB CPAC	P1	P2	P3
Ear, nose and throat	90 - 100	69 - 89	45 - 68
General surgery	100	85	45
Gynaecology	90 - 100	80 - 89	60 - 79
Orthopaedics	95	90	80
Urology	96	86	67 - 85

I trust that this information meets your requirements. Waitematā DHB, like other agencies across the state sector, supports the open disclosure of information to assist the public’s understanding of how we are delivering publicly-funded healthcare.

This includes the proactive publication of anonymised Official Information Act responses on our website from 10 working days after they have been released.

If you feel that there are good reasons why your response should not be made publicly available, we will be happy to consider this.

Yours sincerely



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