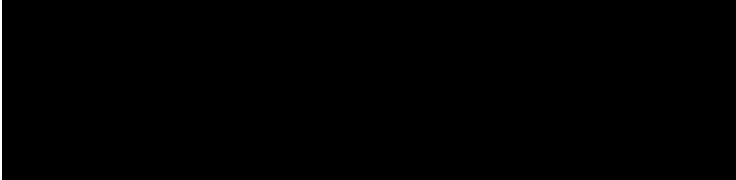


9 June 2022



Dear 

**Re: OIA request – MRT staffing levels**

Thank you for your Official Information Act request received 13 May 2022 seeking information from Waitematā District Health Board (DHB) about radiology data.

Before responding to your specific questions, it may be useful to provide some context about our services.

Waitematā is the largest and one of the most rapidly growing DHBs in the country, serving a population of around 650,000 across the North Shore, Waitākere and Rodney areas. We are the largest employer in the district, employing more than 8,900 people across more than 80 locations.

In addition to providing care to our own resident population, we are the Northern Region provider of forensic mental health services and child rehabilitation services, plus the metro Auckland provider of child community dental services and community alcohol and drug services.

In response to your request, we are able to provide the following information:

**Pursuant to section 12 of the Official Information Act 1982, and in preparation for MRT MECA bargaining, APEX requests:**

1. **Data about MRT staffing levels. We require the budgeted and the current FTE figures for each DHB site, for the following years:**
  - a. **The financial year ended 30 June 2020**
  - b. **The financial year ended 30 June 2021**
  - c. **The year to date, ending 14 April 2022**

**These figures need to be separated into the budgeted and current FTE figures for each site AND for each of the years requested.**

2. **Figures for the total number of examinations (i.e. examinations, not patient numbers) performed for the following years:**
  - a. **The financial year ended 30 June 2020**
  - b. **The financial year ended 30 June 2021**
  - c. **The year to date, ending 14 April 2022**

**These need to be separated into the number of examinations in CT, MRI, nuclear medicine, angiography, theatre, emergency, general and mammography for your DHB for each year.**

**3. Wait list times:**

- a. Wait list times for the following years:
- b. The financial year ended 30 June 2020
- c. The financial year ended 30 June 2021
- d. The year to date, ending 14 April 2022

**4. Current radiology services and hours of work.**

We are providing a combined response to questions 1 to 4 in the attached spreadsheets for North Shore and Waitākere hospitals - please refer:

**Attachment 1 – North Shore Hospital radiology data**

**Attachment 2 - Waitākere Hospital radiology data**

We are unable to provide the wait list time data as you have requested, as we do not record the information in this way. We have, however, provided the average length of time patients have been waiting for their scan as at 20 May 2022, split by the priorities requested.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review of this decision by the Ombudsman. Information about how to seek a review is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or Freephone 0800 802 602.

The following should be noted in regards to the data provided in these attachments:

- as your request relates to MECA bargaining, the data provided is for procedures at North Shore and Waitākere hospitals and does not include outsourced procedures (i.e. those not performed by Waitematā DHB staff)
- Waitākere Hospital provides CT, emergency and general radiology (x-ray) services only.
- Auckland DHB provides a regional nuclear medicine service for patients from Northland, Waitematā, Auckland and Counties Manukau DHBs; its response will include information regarding Waitematā DHB-domiciled patients
- Waitematā DHB radiology staff work across all subspecialties and we are unable to provide a detailed breakdown of FTE allocated to each specific area. However, we have provided total FTE by budgeted and actual numbers
- figures for “Angiography – Cardiology” have been provided by our Cardiology department
- the timeframes provided for angiography are within Ministry of Health guidelines
- the FTE hours for the medical imaging technician who performs the angiography procedure is included in the North Shore Hospital FTE figures.

I trust that the information we have been able to provide is helpful.

Waitematā DHB supports the open disclosure of information to assist community 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 consider there are good reasons why this response should not be made publicly available, we will be happy to consider your views.

Yours sincerely



**Executive Director Hospital Services  
Waitematā District Health Board**

Name of DHB	Waitematā DHB		
Name of Hospital Site	North Shore Hospital		
	TOTAL NUMBER OF EXAMINATIONS COMPLETED	TOTAL NUMBER OF EXAMINATIONS COMPLETED	TOTAL NUMBER OF EXAMINATIONS COMPLETED
	Year ended 30 June 2020	Year ended 30 June 2021	Year-to-date, ending 14 April 2022
MRI	8855	10753	7839
Nuclear Medicine	N/A	N/A	N/A
Mammography	9359	10910	6797
CT	24051	29354	20369
Angiography	1501	1808	1413
Angiography - Cardiology	590	616	601
Fluoroscopy	1152	1325	834
Theatre	6857	7510	4914
Emergency - General	41659	45309	33748
General -Other	37473	43747	28148
<b>TOTALS</b>	131497	151332	104663
Comment			
Form completed by	Radiology Operations Manager/Radiology Coordinator North Shore Hospital; Clinical Information Analyst		

Note: These figures do not include outsourced procedures

Name of DHB	Waitematā DHB					
Name of Hospital Site	North Shore Hospital					
	30-Jun-20		30-Jun-21		14-Apr-22	
	MIT Budgeted FTE	MIT Actual FTE	MIT Budgeted FTE	MIT Actual FTE	MIT Budgeted FTE	MIT Actual FTE
MRI	No separate budget		No separate budget		No separate budget	
Nuc Medicine	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
CT	No separate budget		No separate budget		No separate budget	
General	No separate budget		No separate budget		No separate budget	
<b>TOTAL</b>	69.4	67.9	69.7	71.8	75.1	67

<b>Name of DHB</b>	Waitematā DHB		
<b>Name of Hospital Site</b>	North Shore Hospital		
<b>CURRENT SERVICES AND HOURS OF WORK AS AT 14 April 2022</b>			
<b>Mondays to Fridays</b>			
<b>Modality (if more than one room document each room)</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>MITs on Duty / Shift</b>	<b>On-call</b>
CT1 North Shore Hospital	North Shore Hospital	0730 - 1630	
CT2 North Shore Hospital	North Shore Hospital	0000 - 0000 - staffed 24/7	1630 - 0800
CT 3 North Shore Hospital	North Shore Hospital	0800 - 1630	
X-ray Room 1	North Shore Hospital	0800 - 1630	
X-ray Room 3	North Shore Hospital	0800 - 1630	
X-ray Room 6	North Shore Hospital	0000 - 0000 - staffed 24/7	1630 - 0800
X-ray Room OP1	North Shore Hospital	0800 - 1630	
X-ray Room OP2	North Shore Hospital	0800 - 1630	
Fluoroscopy	North Shore Hospital	0800 - 1630	
ED X-ray Room	North Shore Hospital	0730 - 0000	
Resus Room (Gantry in Resus Bay 1)	North Shore Hospital	Covered by staff from ED x-ray during staffed hours, or X-ray Room 6 0000 - 0800	
Theatre	North Shore Hospital	0800 - 2000	1630 - 0800
Angiography/Cardiology	North Shore Hospital	0730 - 1800	
Mammography	North Shore Hospital	0800 - 1630	
PACS	North Shore Hospital	0800 - 1630	1630 - 0800
MRI 1	North Shore Hospital	0630 - 2000	1630 - 0800
MRI 2	North Shore Hospital	0630 - 1900	
<b>Weekends and Public Holidays</b>			
<b>Modality (if more than one room document each room)</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>MITs on Duty / Shift</b>	<b>On-call</b>
CT 2 North Shore Hospital	North Shore Hospital	0000 - 0000 - staffed 24/7	All weekend/public holidays (24 Hours)
X-ray Room 6	North Shore Hospital	0000 - 0000 - staffed 24/7	All weekend/public holidays (24 Hours)
ED X-ray Room	North Shore Hospital	0730 - 0000	
Resus Room (Gantry in Resus Bay 1)	North Shore Hospital	Covered by staff from ED x-ray during staffed hours, or X-ray Room 6 0000 - 0800	
Theatre	North Shore Hospital	0800 - 1630	All weekend/public holidays (24 Hours)
PACS	North Shore Hospital		All weekend/public holidays (24 Hours)
MRI	North Shore Hospital		All weekend/public holidays (24 Hours)

Please note that, except for cardiology data, we do not record wait time data in the way it has been requested. Radiology data is only available as real-time data at a certain point-in-time. Therefore, we have provided this data as at 20.05.2022, 10.59AM.

<b>Name of DHB</b>	Waitematā DHB			
<b>Name of Hospital Site</b>	North Shore Hospital			
<b>Average patient wait times by urgency as at June 2020</b>				
<b>Exam / Department</b>	<b>Urgent</b>	<b>High suspicion of cancer</b>	<b>Semi-urgent</b>	<b>Non-urgent</b>
MRI	<i>Choose weeks or days as the measure</i>			
Nuclear medicine*	N/A			
Mammography				
CT				
Angiography/cardiology	5.13	N/A	8.76	9.52
Fluoroscopy				
Theatre				
Emergency - general				
General - other				

Average weeks

<b>Average patient wait times by urgency as at June 2021</b>				
<b>Exam / Department</b>	<b>Urgent</b>	<b>High suspicion of cancer</b>	<b>Semi-urgent</b>	<b>Non-urgent</b>
MRI	<i>Choose weeks or days as the measure</i>			
Nuclear medicine*	N/A			
Mammography				
CT				
Angiography/cardiology**	3.22	N/A	5.78	8.25
Fluoroscopy				
Theatre				
Emergency - general				
General - other				

Average weeks

We do not record data in the way it has been requested as wait time data is only available at a

<b>Patient wait times by urgency - average number of days; waitlist run as at 20.05.2022 10.59AM</b>							
<b>Exam / Department</b>	<b>Urgent (C - within 1 week)</b>		<b>Semi-urgent (D 1-2 Weeks)</b>	<b>Non-urgent (E 2-6 Weeks)</b>	<b>High suspicion of cancer - C Urgent</b>	<b>High suspicion of cancer - D Semi-Urgent</b>	<b>High suspicion of cancer - Non Urgent (E)</b>
MRI	Nil		8	24	4	10	13
Nuclear medicine*	N/A						
Mammography	3		32	50	7	Nil	16
CT	2		6	26	3	7	20
Angiography/cardiology	22		48	67	N/A	N/A	N/A
Fluoroscopy	Nil		15	34	Nil	Nil	21
Theatre							
Emergency - General							
General - Other	4		6	17	Nil	Nil	Nil

**NOTES:**

\* Please note that nuclear medicine scans are not performed at Waitematā DHB.

\*\*The number and complexity of inpatient procedures can impact on wait times. However, we consistently achieve the Ministry of Health target of 95% of patients treated within 90 days for angiography procedures. Following a patient's FSA they are referred and graded by a cardiac interventionalist. Patients are given instructions to either contact their GP if their condition worsens or, if it becomes acute, present to ED.

<b>Form completed by</b>	Radiology coordinator, North Shore Hospital; Clinical Information Analyst
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<b>Name of DHB</b>	Waitemata DHB		
<b>Name of Hospital Site</b>	Waitakere Hospital		
	<b>TOTAL NUMBER OF EXAMINATIONS COMPLETED</b>	<b>TOTAL NUMBER OF EXAMINATIONS COMPLETED</b>	<b>TOTAL NUMBER OF EXAMINATIONS COMPLETED</b>
	<b>Year ended 30 June 2020</b>	<b>Year ended 30 June 2021</b>	<b>Year to date, ending 14 April 2022</b>
<b>MRI</b>			
<b>Nuclear Medicine</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Mammography</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>CT</b>	14696	17277	13012
<b>Angiography</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Angiography - Cardiology</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Fluoroscopy</b>	N/A	N/A	
<b>Theatre</b>			
<b>Emergency - General</b>	24451	27933	20929
<b>General -Other</b>	20573	21865	11922
<b>TOTALS</b>	59720	67075	45863
<b>Comment</b>			
<b>Form completed by</b>	Radiology Coordinator NSH		

Note: Do not include outsourced procedures

Name of DHB	Waitematā DHB					
Name of Hospital Site	Waitākere Hospital					
	30-Jun-20		30-Jun-21		14-Apr-22	
	MIT Budgeted FTE	MIT Actual FTE	MIT Budgeted FTE	MIT Actual FTE	MIT Budgeted FTE	MIT Actual FTE
MRI	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Nuc Medicine	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
CT	No separate budget		No separate budget		No separate budget	
General	No separate budget		No separate budget		No separate budget	
<b>TOTAL</b>	25	22.8	25	25.1	26.2	22.4



<b>Name of DHB</b>	Waitematā DHB		
<b>Name of Hospital Site</b>	Waitākere Hospital		
<b>CURRENT SERVICES AND HOURS OF WORK AS AT 14 April 2022</b>			
<b>Mondays to Fridays</b>			
<b>Modality (if more than one room document each room)</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>MITs on Duty / Shift</b>	<b>On-call</b>
CT1 Waitākere Hospital	Waitākere Hospital	0700 - 0000	1630 - 0730
CT2 Waitākere Hospital	Waitākere Hospital	0800 - 1630	
X-ray Room 1	Waitākere Hospital	0800 - 1630	
X-ray Room 2	Waitākere Hospital	0800 - 1630	
X-ray Room 3	Waitākere Hospital	0000 - 0000 - Staffed 24/7	16.30pm – 08.00am
PACS		0800 - 1630	Provided from NSH
<b>Weekends and Public Holidays</b>			
<b>Modality (if more than one room document each room)</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>MITs on Duty / Shift</b>	<b>On-call</b>
X-ray Room 3	Waitākere Hospital	0000 - 0000 - Staffed 24/7	All weekend/public holidays (24 Hours)
CT1 Waitākere Hospital	Waitākere Hospital	0700 - 0000	All weekend/public holidays (24 Hours)

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Name of Hospital Site	Waitākere Hospital			
Average Patient Wait Times by Urgency as at June 2020				
Exam Dept	Urgent	High Suspicion of Cancer	Semi-urgent	Non-urgent
MRI	<i>Choose weeks or days as the measure</i>			N/A
Nuclear Medicine	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Mammography	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
CT				
Angiography/Cardiology	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Fluoroscopy	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Theatre				
Emergency - General				
General - Other				

Average Patient Wait Times by Urgency as at June 2021				
Exam Dept	Urgent	High suspicion of cancer	Semi-urgent	Non-urgent
MRI	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Nuclear Medicine	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Mammography	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
CT				
Angiography - cardiology	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Fluoroscopy	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Theatre				
Emergency - general				
General - Other				

Average DAYS Patient Wait Times by Urgency as at Waitlist run 20.05.2022 10.59AM						
Exam Dept	Urgent (C - within 1 week)	Semi-urgent (D)	Non-urgent (E 2)	High suspicion of cancer - C Urgent	High suspicion of cancer - D Semi-Urgent	High suspicion of cancer - Non Urgent ( E)
MRI						
Nuclear Medicine						
Mammography						
CT	3	7	19	3	6	2
Angiography - cardiology						
Fluoroscopy						
Theatre						
Emergency - general						
General - Other	8	8	18	Nil	Nil	Nil

Form completed by Radiology Coordinator NSH