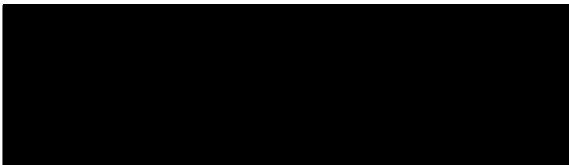




30 September 2019



Dear 

Re: OIA request - Number of mastectomies and breast reconstruction surgeries performed

Thank you for your Official Information Act request received by Waitematā District Health Board (DHB) on 24 September 2019 seeking information regarding the number of mastectomies, lumpectomies and breast reconstruction procedures undertaken by all facilities under our jurisdiction annually from 2015 to 2019.

Before responding to your specific questions, it may be useful to provide some context about our services to assist in the interpretation of the information provided. Waitematā DHB serves a population of more than 630,00 people across North Shore, Waitakere and Rodney areas.

Mastectomies, lumpectomies and breast reconstruction procedures are performed at either North Shore Hospital or the Elective Surgery Centre (ESC) located on the North Shore Hospital campus. In response to your request, we have provided the following information:

- 1. The number of mastectomies, (single and double) and lumpectomies, undertaken in respect of all hospitals and facilities under your jurisdiction, including any procedures which may have been contracted out to private health providers for whatever reason for the years 2015/16, 2016/2017, 2017/2018 and 2018/2019 respectively.*

Table 1: Mastectomies and lumpectomies, Waitematā DHB provider

Hospital	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19
NSH Campus	143	126	130	135
Other providers	0	0	0	0

Note: there were no surgeries contracted to private health providers over these years

2. The number of breast reconstruction surgeries, (single and double), undertaken in respect of all hospitals and facilities under your jurisdiction, including any procedures which may have been contracted out to private health providers for whatever reason for the years 2015/16, 2016/2017, 2017/2018 and 2018/2019 respectively.

Table 2: Breast reconstruction surgeries, Waitemata DHB provider

Hospital	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19
NSH Campus	93	95	90	61
Other providers	0	0	0	0

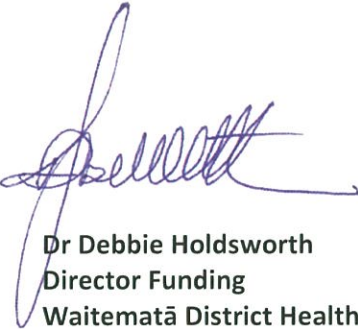
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I trust that this information meets your requirements. Waitematā DHB, like other agencies across the state sector, supports the open disclosure of information to assist the public's understanding of how we are delivering publicly-funded healthcare.

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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