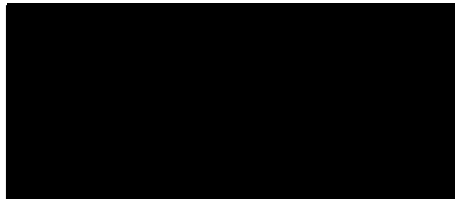




2 July 2019



Dear 

Re: Official Information Act request – Wait Times for Cancer Treatment

Thank you for your Official Information Act request received 24 June 2019 regarding cancer treatment wait times. In response to your request, we are able to provide the following information.

- 1. Have any people been harmed as a result of oncology and/or radiation wait times? If so, how many?**
- 4. Have any of your staff raised concerns about the adverse effects on patients due to waiting times?**

Waitematā DHB is unaware of any events where waiting times for oncology and/or radiation therapy resulted in patient harm over the last three months, which is the timeframe indicated when your clarification was sought. We also have no cases of staff raising concerns to report. Please be aware that Auckland DHB provides these services for the Waitematā population as the regional provider of this service.

- 2. Are there any reports that indicate and/or detail harm to patients as a result of oncology service wait times or radiation wait times? Can you supply those report(s)?**
- 3. Have any reports been provided indicating patients are being compromised by wait times to access first treatment of first specialist appointment? Can you supply those reports?**

Waitematā DHB is unaware of any reports of this nature over the last six months (also as per your clarification) but, as above, Auckland DHB provides this service for the Waitematā population.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Cath', written in a cursive style.

Cath Cronin
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