



Hospital Services

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Dear

Re: Official Information Act request – postponements and cancellations related to NZRDA strike

Thank you for your Official Information Act request, received 29 January seeking the following of Waitemata District Health Board (DHB):

The number of scheduled inpatient and outpatient appointments and operations postponed or cancelled during the 48-hour period between 7am January 15 and 7am January 17, during the first NZRDA RMO strike.

Please specify the number of:

- *scheduled inpatient/outpatient appointments which were postponed*
- *scheduled inpatient/outpatient appointments which were cancelled*
- *operations which were postponed*
- *operations which were cancelled*
- *any other consultations or activities involving patients which needed to be postponed or cancelled*

Waitemata DHB has the largest resident population of any DHB in New Zealand, currently standing at more than 630,000 people. We have a workforce of more than 7,500 staff working from more than 80 sites across the Waitemata district and beyond.

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

Outpatient Appointments	Total number of Patients cancelled and rescheduled	213
Surgical Procedures	Total number of Patients cancelled and rescheduled	9

Patients affected by the strike were contacted and had their appointments rescheduled as soon as possible, according to individual clinical needs and will either have had their appointment/procedures completed or will have a new appointment date.

I trust that this information meets your requirements. Waitemata 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', with a large, stylized initial 'C' and a smaller 'ath' following it.

Cath Cronin
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Waitemata District Health Board