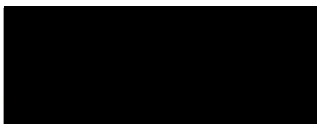




Hospital Services

28 March 2019



Dear 

Re: OIA request – surgical mesh

Thank you for your Official Information Act request received 27 February 2019 seeking the following of Waitemata District Health Board (DHB):

Please provide information showing the number of procedures performed at Waitemata district health board in 2018 involving surgical mesh.

Please provide a breakdown showing what these procedures were for (i.e implantation for SUI, removal, partial removal etc. Please note the 'categories' listed are examples, and provided to assist in understanding with the nature of this request. They are not absolute nor exhaustive.).

If you are unable to provide the information, please explain why.

Please provide the same information for 2019, and the 9 prior years to 2018 (2017, 2016, 2015, 2014, 2013, 2012, 2011, 2010, 2009).

On 11 March 2019 you clarified you were specifically interested in information relating to urogynaecological procedures.

On 18 March 2019 you confirmed, given the time involved in collating the information requested, the scope of your request would be limited to the 2018 calendar year only.

The table below outlines the number of urogynaecological mesh procedures undertaken at Waitemata DHB during the 2018 calendar year. As requested, this is broken down by procedure type.

| Procedure | ICD Code ¹ | (n) |
|---|-----------------------|-----------|
| Sling procedure for stress incontinence, female | 3559900 | 46 |
| Revision of sling procedure for stress incontinence, female | 3559901 | 1 |
| Transvaginal needle suspension for stress incontinence | 3704300 | 1 |
| Injection of paraurethral bulk for stress incontinence, female | 3733900 | 15 |
| Division of urethral sling following previous stress incontinence procedure | 3734000 | 8 |
| Total | | 71 |

¹ International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems (ICD), a medical classification list by the World Health Organisation (WHO)

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', written in a cursive style.

Cath Cronin
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Waitemata District Health Board