



25 June 2021

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Dear [Redacted]

Re: OIA request – Cancelled surgeries for the month of May

Thank you for your Official Information Act request received 16 June 2021 seeking information from Waitematā District Health Board (DHB) about cancelled surgeries.

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, Waitakere and Rodney areas. We are the largest employer in the district, employing around 8,600 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:

1. How many surgeries have been cancelled at your DHB in the past month? Of those, how many were for cancer?

We have interpreted your question as those surgeries that were cancelled and not re-booked. In the month of May, 12 patients had their surgery cancelled. Of those, two had a suspicion of cancer (skin cancer).

2. What were the reasons for these cancellations?

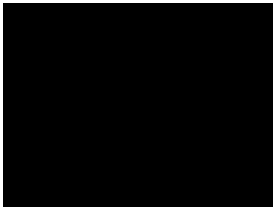
Reasons for cancelled surgeries at Waitematā DHB in May 2021	
No longer required	4
Patient declined appointment	6
Not fit for operating theatre	2

I trust that this information 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



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