



19 August 2020



Dear 

Re: OIA request – Surgery for Crohn’s and colitis-related illnesses

Thank you for your Official Information Act request received on 4 August 2020 seeking information about patients who have undergone surgery for Crohn’s and colitis-related illnesses from Waitematā District Health Board (DHB).

Before responding to your specific questions, it may be useful to provide some context about our services.

Waitematā DHB serves a population of more than 630,000 across the North Shore, Waitakere and Rodney areas, the largest and one of the most rapidly growing DHBs in the country. We are the largest employer in the district, employing around 8,500 people across more than 80 locations.

In addition to providing services to our own population, we are also the metropolitan Auckland provider of forensic psychiatry, child disability services, child community dental services and community alcohol and drug services.

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

How many patients have undergone surgery for Crohn’s and colitis-related illnesses in the Waitematā DHB area over the last five years? Please break this down by hospital and year if possible.

Surgery for Crohn’s and colitis-related illnesses for patients domiciled in the Waitematā DHB catchment is performed at North Shore Hospital only as follows:

Year	North Shore Hospital
2015	76
2016	71
2017	80
2018	61
2019	93
2020*	40

*7 months YTD

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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Mark Shepherd
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