



OIA REQUEST

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Subject: Wait Times

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In response to your request under the Official Information Act, please find our response below:

Request

Please provide the following information for these periods:

12 month period from 1 March 2021 to 28 Feb 2022.

12 month period from 1 March 2016 to 28 Feb 2017.

1. Please provide the length of time patients were waiting to be seen (including count of events and average wait days) for patients referred for the following:

a. Hip replacement

	Count	Average Wait Days
1 March 2016 to 28 Feb 2017	459	60
1 March 2021 to 28 Feb 2022	382	121

b. Knee replacement

	Count	Average Wait Days
1 March 2016 to 28 Feb 2017	417	72
1 March 2021 to 28 Feb 2022	345	139

c. Hysterectomy (or general gynae)

	Count	Average Wait Days
1 March 2016 to 28 Feb 2017	1897	63
1 March 2021 to 28 Feb 2022	2209	61

d. Breast reconstruction

	Count	Average Wait Days
1 March 2016 to 28 Feb 2017	6	77
1 March 2021 to 28 Feb 2022	16	87

Data refers to only primary referral reason

e. Gall bladder

Pursuant to clause 18(e) of the Official Information Act the BOPDHB cannot provide this information on the grounds that the information does not exist. BOPDHB systems do not collect this information.



f. CT/MRI/PET scan

	CT	CT	MRI	MRI	PET	PET
12 Month Period	Visit Count	Avg Wait Days	Visit Count	Avg Wait Days	Visit Count	Avg Wait Days
1 March 16 to 28 Feb 17	6,851	33.9	3,101	89.6	209	8.8
1 March 21 to 28 Feb 22	9,760	35.5	5,246	43.7	356	18.4

g. Colonoscopy

Pursuant to clause 18(e) of the Official Information Act the BOPDHB cannot provide this information on the grounds that the information does not exist. BOPDHB systems do not collect this information.

2. Please provide the length of time patients were waiting for treatment (including count of events and average wait days) for the following:

a. Hip replacement

2a Hip Replacement	Count	Average Wait Days
1 March 2016 to 28 Feb 2017	374	78
1 March 2021 to 28 Feb 2022	312	91

b. Knee replacement

2b Knee Replacement	Count	Average Wait Days
1 March 2016 to 28 Feb 2017	324	84
1 March 2021 to 28 Feb 2022	305	101

c. Hysterectomy

2c Hysterectomy (or general gynae)	Count	Average Wait Days
1 March 2016 to 28 Feb 2017	130	64
1 March 2021 to 28 Feb 2022	97	95

d. Breast reconstruction

2d Breast reconstruction	Count	Average Wait Days
1 March 2016 to 28 Feb 2017	40	108
1 March 2021 to 28 Feb 2022	12	134

Refers to primary and secondary breast reconstruction

e. Gall bladder

2e Gall Bladder	Count	Average Wait Days
1 March 2016 to 28 Feb 2017	217	58
1 March 2021 to 28 Feb 2022	153	75

f. CT/MRI/PET scan.

Provision of any treatment is included in data supplied in response to Q1.f.

3. Please provide the average treatment wait time for patients with the following cancers: (including count of events and average wait days)
- Lung
 - Breast
 - Cervical
 - Bowel
 - Prostate
 - Skin

The Faster Cancer Treatment 31-day indicator The maximum target length of time a patient should have to wait from the date of decision to treat to receive their first treatment (or other management) for cancer. The 31 Day indicator includes all patients who receive their first cancer treatment, irrespective of how they were initially referred.

31 Day Faster Cancer Treatment Indicator	Number of Patients 1 March 2021 - 28 Feb 2022	Average Wait Days 1 March 2021 - 28 Feb 2022	Number of Patients 1 March 2016 - 28 Feb 2017	Average Wait Days 1 March 2016 - 28 Feb 2017
Lung	152	11	139	6
Breast	181	18	172	17
Cervical	9	24	9	13
Bowel	159	11	173	17
Prostate	77	24	53	12
Skin	72	19	35	19

The Faster Cancer Treatment 62-day indicator The maximum target length of time from receipt of referral, (without a confirmed pathological diagnosis of cancer at referral) where the triaging clinician considers there to be a high suspicion of cancer and a need for the patient to be seen within two weeks, through to receiving their first treatment (or other management) for cancer.

62 Day Faster Cancer Treatment Indicator	Number of Patients 1 March 2021 - 28 Feb 2022	Average Wait Days 1 March 2021 - 28 Feb 2022	Number of Patients 1 March 2016 - 28 Feb 2017	Average Wait Days 1 March 2016 - 28 Feb 2017
Lung	76	59	76	46
Breast	23	32	14	24
Cervical	6	84	2	55
Bowel	25	40	20	37
Prostate	5	74	0	0
Skin	8	29	4	55

Pursuant to clause 18(e) of the Official Information Act the BOPDHB cannot provide this information on the grounds that the information does not exist. BOPDHB systems did not collect electronic data for the urology service for the time period 1 March 2016 to 28 February 2017.

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You have the right to request the Ombudsman investigate and review our response.
www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely

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