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Via email: cmkorte@outlook.com

Dear Charlotte

Official Information Act Request – number of surgical mesh procedures and type of surgical mesh devices used

On 8 May 2019, under section 12 of the Official Information Act, you requested the following information from Whanganui District Health Board (WDHB):

How many surgical mesh procedures have been undertaken using the Trans Obturator System mesh tape (TVT-0) made by Johnson and Johnson Medical/-Ethicon from the period 1st Jan 2009 to 1st Jan 2019?

Please confirm the brand names of all other Trans obturator surgical mesh devices that have been used in surgical procedures for the period 1st Jan 2009 to 1st April 2019. How many surgical procedures in total have been undertaken using these Trans Obturator devices from the period 1st Jan 2009 to 1st Jan 2019?

Whanganui District Health Board's response:

How many surgical mesh procedures have been undertaken using the Trans Obturator System mesh tape (TVT-0) made by Johnson and Johnson Medical / -Ethicon from the period 1st Jan 2009 to 1st Jan 2019?

Two - please see table below.

Please confirm the brand names of all other Trans obturator surgical mesh devices that have been used in surgical procedures for the period 1st Jan 2009 to 1st April 2019.

One other brand has been used - Monarc.

How many surgical procedures in total have been undertaken using these Trans Obturator devices from the period 1st Jan 2009 to 1st Jan 2019?

| | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015-2019 | Total |
|--------|------------------|------|------|------|------|------|-----------|-----------|
| Monarc | data unavailable | 8 | 10 | 7 | 16 | 4 | 5 | 50 |
| TVT-0 | data unavailable | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |

Should you have any further queries about the above information, please contact our acting OIA co-ordinator Maree Langford at Maree.Langford@wdhb.org.nz.

Yours sincerely

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Russell Simpson
Chief Executive