

1 October 2019

Pat Humphries, EA
Office of Hon Maggie Barry ONZN
Parliament House
Wellington



WHANGANUI
DISTRICT HEALTH BOARD
Te Poari Hauora o Whanganui

100 Heads Road, Private Bag 3003
Whanganui 4540, New Zealand

via email: maggiebarry.EA@parliament.govt.nz

Dear Ms Humphries

Official Information Act Request – mastectomies and breast reconstruction surgeries

On 24 September 2019 under section 12 of the Official Information Act, you requested the following information from Whanganui District Health Board (WDHB):

1. The number of mastectomies, (single and double) and lumpectomies, undertaken in respect of all hospitals and facilities under your jurisdiction, including any procedures which may have been contracted out to private health providers for whatever reason for the years 2015/16, 2016/2017, 2017/2018 and 2018/2019 respectively.
2. The number of breast reconstruction surgeries, (single and double), undertaken in respect of all hospitals and facilities under your jurisdiction, including any procedures which may have been contracted out to private health providers for whatever reason for the years 2015/16, 2016/2017, 2017/2018 and 2018/2019 respectively.

Where information is withheld, I request you provide the title and date of the communication withheld, the reason for refusal and the grounds in support of that reason as required by section 19(a)(i) and (ii) of the Official Information Act.

Whanganui District Health Board's response:

- 1. The number of mastectomies, (single and double) and lumpectomies, undertaken in respect of all hospitals and facilities under your jurisdiction, including any procedures which may have been contracted out to private health providers for whatever reason for the years 2015/16, 2016/2017, 2017/2018 and 2018/2019 respectively.**
- 2. The number of breast reconstruction surgeries, (single and double), undertaken in respect of all hospitals and facilities under your jurisdiction, including any procedures which may have been contracted out to private health providers for whatever reason for the years 2015/16, 2016/2017, 2017/2018 and 2018/2019 respectively.**

Where information is withheld, I request you provide the title and date of the communication withheld, the reason for refusal and the grounds in support of that reason as required by section 19(a)(i) and (ii) of the Official Information Act.

Procedure Type	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	Grand Total
Lumpectomy	41	36	38	44	159
Mastectomy	31	25	33	49	138
Reconstruction	2	1	2	1	6
Grand Total	74	62	73	94	303

Should you have any further queries about the above information, please contact our OIA co-ordinator Deanne Holden at deanne.holden@wdhb.org.nz

Yours sincerely



Russell Simpson
Chief Executive