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Dear Ms McCallum

Official Information Act Request – OIA#12740: Grommet insertions

On 14 January 2020, under section 12 of the Official Information Act, you requested the following information from Whanganui District Health Board (WDHB):

I am seeking the following information under the Official Information Act which relates to grommet insertions for the time period from 1 July 2018 - 30 June 2019.

1. Breakdown in terms of numbers for each type of GP referral that were declined and accepted?
 - 1A. Non urgent referrals
 - 1B. Urgent referrals
2. Breakdown in terms of numbers for each type of specialist referral that were declined and accepted?
 - 2A. Non urgent referrals
 - 2B. Urgent referrals
 - 2C. Emergency department referrals
3. Once the following referral has been accepted how long before seeing a specialist?
 - 3A. Non urgent referrals
 - 3B. Urgent referrals
 - 3C. Emergency department referrals
4. How long from each of the types of referrals being accepted to have grommet insertions?
 - 4A. Non urgent referrals
 - 4B. Urgent referrals
 - 4C. Emergency department referrals
5. How many grommet insertions was your DHB funded for the time period from 1 July 2018 - 30 June 2019 and many did you carry out?
6. What is the criteria for being eligible for a grommet insertion?

Whanganui District Health Board responds as follows:

I am seeking the following information under the Official Information Act which relates to grommet insertions for the time period from 1 July 2018 - 30 June 2019.

1. Breakdown in terms of numbers for each type of GP referral that were declined and accepted?

1A. Non urgent referrals

Accepted 31 Declined 3

1B. Urgent referrals

Accepted 1 Declined 0

2. Breakdown in terms of numbers for each type of specialist referral that were declined and accepted?

2A. Non urgent referrals

Accepted 44 Declined 3

2B. Urgent referrals

Accepted 3 Declined 0

2C. Emergency department referrals

Accepted 1

Declined 0

3. Once the following referral has been accepted how long before seeing a specialist?

3A. Non urgent referrals

Average days wait time 90 days

3B. Urgent referrals

Average days wait time 9 days

3C. Emergency department referrals

Average days wait time 54 days

4. How long from each of the types of referrals being accepted to have grommet insertions?

4A. Non urgent referrals

Average time from date referral accepted to date of grommet surgery 137 days

4B. Urgent referrals

Average time from date referral accepted to date of grommet surgery 35 days

4C. Emergency department referrals

Average time from date referral accepted to date of grommet surgery 219 days

5. How many grommet insertions was your DHB funded for the time period from 1 July 2018 - 30 June 2019 and many did you carry out?

How many grommet insertions was your DHB funded for

Information not available. Service is bulk funded by Case Weighted Discharge (CWD), not funded by specific condition

Volume of grommet insertions undertaken for the period 1 July 2018 - 30 June 2019

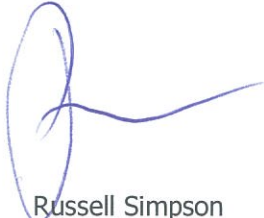
Non-urgent grommets	77
Urgent grommets	0

6. What is the criteria for being eligible for a grommet insertion?

These are triaged on the consultants clinical evaluation of the referral received.

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



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