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Dear Alexa

Official Information Act Request – OIA 13437 Joint Replacement

On 9 April 2021, under section 12 of the Official Information Act, you requested the following information from Whanganui District Health Board (WDHB):

“Under the OIA can I please request the following information:

- in the past 12 months, what proportion of your DHB patients that were referred to a waiting list by a surgeon, for a joint replacement, were accepted onto the list and got surgery?
- in 2017 what proportion of your DHB patients that were referred to a waiting list by a surgeon, for a joint replacement, were accepted onto the list and got surgery?
- is the DHB able to comment on whether there are enough GPs in the region?”

Whanganui District Health Boards response:

- 1. In the past 12 months, what proportion of your DHB patients that were referred to a waiting list by a surgeon, for a joint replacement, were accepted onto the list and got surgery?**

86%

- 2. In 2017 what proportion of your DHB patients that were referred to a waiting list by a surgeon, for a joint replacement, were accepted onto the list and got surgery?**

93%

- 3. Is the DHB able to comment on whether there are enough GPs in the region?”**

The DHB is unable to comment. Please refer question to Judith Macdonald, Whanganui Regional Health Network.

Should you have any further queries about the above information, please contact our OIA co-ordinator Anne Phoenix at anne.phoenix@wdhb.org.nz

Yours sincerely



Russell Simpson
Chief Executive