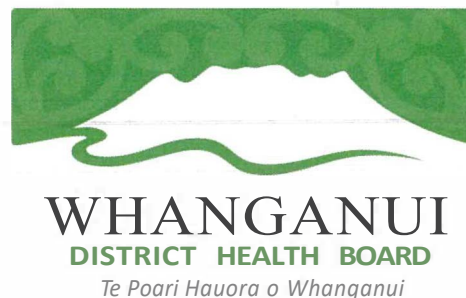


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Dear Bridie

### **Official Information Act Request - OIA 13241 Surgery Thresholds**

On 16 November 2020, under section 12 of the Official Information Act, you requested the following information from Whanganui District Health Board (WDHB):

Under the OIA, may I please find out what the surgery threshold is for:

- endometriosis laparoscopic surgery
- knee replacement
- hip replacement

Can I also find out whether any surgery thresholds have changed in the last five years at your DHB.

Can this include what the threshold change was and for what surgery.

### **Whanganui District Health Boards response:**

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- **Endometriosis Laparoscopic Surgery,**

Gynaecology services do not have a procedure specific score. General score was identified following introduction of the Gynaecology national scoring tool and was set May 2015 at 25 and has remained at this score ever since.

- **Knee & Hip Replacement**

Date	Comment	Score
	Prior to 21/09/2016, score was 67	67
21/09/2016	Threshold was reviewed and lowered	58
09/01/2018	Threshold was reviewed and raised	65
21/10/2019	Threshold was reviewed and lowered again	58

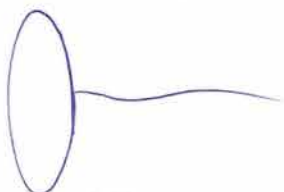
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- **Cataract Extraction**

Date	Comment	Score
01/09/2016	Introduction of threshold score	42
03/11/2016	Threshold was reviewed and raised	58
23/11/2017	Threshold was reviewed and lowered due to increased Ophthalmologist FTE	53
26/08/2019	Threshold was reviewed and increased again due to reduced Ophthalmologist FTE	60

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

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a large, vertically-oriented oval shape followed by a horizontal line that tapers to the right.

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