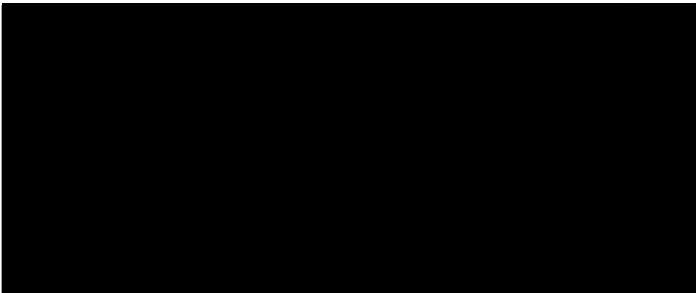


21 January 2021



**Re: Official Information Act request – Number of patients who received hip and knee surgery –
ADHB Ref: 20201208-740**

I refer to your Official Information Act request dated 8 December 2020 requesting the following information:

In accordance with the Official Information act could you please supply the following for your DHB?

- 1. The number of patients who received a hip replacement for the period of 1/1/20 – 30/11/20.**
470 patients have received Total Hip Replacement surgeries between January and November 2020 including acute admissions.
- 2. The number of patients who received a knee replacement for the period of 1/1/20 – 30/11/20**
377 patients have received Total Knee Replacement surgeries between January and November 2020 including acute admissions.
- 3. The number of patients who received a hip replacement who were referred by a private specialist.**
29 patients were referred by private specialists before they received an elective Total Hip Replacement surgery between January and November 2020.
- 4. The number of patients who received a knee replacement who were referred by a private specialist.**
37 patients were referred by private specialists before they received an elective Total Knee Replacement surgery between January and November 2020.

5. The number of patients who received a knee or hip replacement that were referred privately by a specialist who also contracts or works for your DHB.

34 patients who received a knee or hip replacement were referred privately by a specialist who also contracts or works for ADHB.

6. The number of privately referred patients who do not have to undertake a first specialist appointment.

Only Arranged and Acute admissions do not have to undertake a First Specialist Appointment. We have had 6 such admissions direct from private providers for Hip Replacement Surgery and 1 for Knee Replacement Surgery.

An arranged admission is defined by the Ministry of Health as a planned admission where the admission date is less than seven days after the date the decision was made by the specialist that this admission was necessary.

You are entitled to seek a review of the response by the Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that this response, or an edited version of this response, may be published on the Auckland DHB website.

Yours faithfully



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