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### **RE Official information request WCDHB 9180**

We refer to your email dated 26 July 2018 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act from West Coast DHB.

#### **1. In the 2018 year to June, how many patients were sent back to their GP after their first specialist appointment?**

- **How does that compare to 2016/2017?**

Having attended and been seen at their First Specialist Appointment (FSA) with a Specialist at West Coast DHB publicly funded medical and surgical outpatient clinics during 2017/18, a total of 1,505 patients had the outcome for their presenting referral completed with no further need for ongoing specialist care or other treatment, and were appropriately discharged and returned back to their general practice as a result. This compares to 1,388 in 2016/17.

Only two patients thereafter were referred back to their general practitioner because they were below threshold for service following their FSA. This compares to four patients in 2016/17.

There were no patients where it was decided that treatment was not the best option (two in 2016/17) however, two patients who were seen, declined further treatment for follow-up at their own request compared to one patient in 2016/17.

Outcomes for the remainder of patients seen at their FSA were either acceptance onto the waiting list, arranged admission, and referral for further additional investigative and follow-up services.

In all, 4,559 people attended and were seen at their First Specialist Appointment with a Specialist at West Coast DHB medical, surgical or first appointment minor operations outpatient clinics during 2017/18 as measured through National Patient Flow. In 2016/17 this figure was 4,661.

#### **2. How many patients were sent to ChCh for orthopaedic surgery in the year to June?**

- **How does that compare to 2016/2017?**

West Coast residents 'admitted'\* to Orthopaedics (Canterbury DHB)

2016/17 - 275

2017/18 - 271

West Coast residents 'sent'\*\* to Orthopaedics (Canterbury DHB)

2016/17 - 174

2017/18 - 182

**Notes:** Please note we have modified our methodology for answering these questions over previous requests.

\*The figures above include admissions to any hospital in Canterbury DHB. The figures for 'sent' to orthopaedics include elective admissions and acute patients transferred from the West Coast. The difference is due to West Coast residents already in the Canterbury region.

\*\*These figures are different from the last OIA WCDHB 9903. Our previous response didn't include people 'sent' and looked at people who had an operation only. Many patients are admitted to orthopaedics but do not have surgery.

**3. How many orthopaedic surgery procedures were done in Greymouth in the year to June?**

- **How does that compare to 2016/2017?**
- **How many orthopaedic surgeons are on the roster?**
- **How does that compare to one year ago?**

There were 299 publicly funded orthopaedic operations undertaken at Grey Base Hospital during the twelve months to 30 June 2018, including 227 elective operations. This was up from the previous year to 30 June 2017 when 263 publicly funded operations were undertaken, including 181 elective procedures.

There were six orthopaedic surgeons on the roster in 2017/18 compared with five in 2016/17.

**4. How many patients had elective surgery in Greymouth in the year to June?**

- **How does that compare to 2016/17?**

A total of 1,549 elective surgery procedures (all types) were conducted in the operating theatres at Grey base Hospital in the financial year to 30 June 2018. This was down from the previous year to 30 June 2017 when 1,594 elective surgery procedures were performed in the theatres (down by 45 cases overall).

**5. How many patients from the Coast were admitted to ChCh hospital and-or had surgery in ChCh in the year to June?**

- **How does that compare to 2016/2017?**

West Coast residents admitted to Canterbury DHB Hospitals/Facilities

2016/17 - 1,812

2017/18 – 1,804

West Coast residents admitted to Christchurch Hospital

2016/17 - 1,460

2017/18 - 1,472

I trust that this satisfies your interest in this matter.

Please note that this response, or an edited version of this response, may be published on the West Coast DHB website ten working days after your receipt of this response.

Yours sincerely



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