



18 January 2022

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Dear [REDACTED]

Official Information Act Request

Thank you for your request pursuant to the Official Information Act 1982. Waikato District Health Board accepted a partial transfer of your request on 8 December 2021, and have answered the following questions:

- 1. How many surgeries /procedures/assessments have been cancelled across the country in the past year.**
- 2. Is it possible to break that number down by month.**

Please refer to Appendix One for cancelled procedures both acute and elective, including from the Cathlab, Interventional Radiology, Endoscopy, and Theatre at Thames & Waikato Hospitals.

- 3. How many surgeries/procedures/assessments were cancelled in 2019 and in 2017.**

Please refer to Appendix Two for cancelled outpatient bookings in surgery and cardiovascular and critical care, including dental specialities. Please note this does not include data on assessments which did not proceed due to patient absence of erroneous bookings.

Waikato DHB supports the open disclosure of information to assist community understanding of how we are delivering publically-funded healthcare. This includes the proactive publication of anonymised Official Information Act responses on our website from 10 working days after they have been released.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'PP' followed by a stylized flourish.

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Waikato District Health Board

Appendix One

December 2020 - November 2021

Sum of Booking No.	CY		Mon										Grand Total
	2020	2021	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	
Total	502	408	396	635	491	502	327	553	1032	690	757	552	6845

CY 2019

Sum of Booking No.	CY		Mon										Grand Total
	2019		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	
Total	507	447	544	549	496	439	572	580	517	575	544	541	6311

CY 2017

Sum of Booking No.	CY		Mon										Grand Total
	2017		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	
Total	260	271	369	319	332	344	283	319	292	283	287	330	3689

Appendix Two

Year	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Total
2017	110	224	75	103	169	112	112	161	119	218	135	122	1660
2019	94	131	151	136	156	251	96	148	134	107	160	160	1724
2021	170	81	89	95	114	239	237	166	1684	583	670	142	4270