



15 December 2021

Dear [REDACTED]

Re: OIA request regarding surgery cancellations since 1 March 2020

Thank you for the OIA received by Waikato District Health Board (DHB) on 5 November 2021, in which you requested:

“a list of all surgeries cancelled since 1 March 2020, with reasons for the cancellations.”

Please refer to Appendix One for the requested information.

Please note that the information provided relates to cancellations for surgeries booked onto elective lists or sessions in the main theatres in both Waikato and Thames Hospitals between 1 March 2020 and 31 October 2021.

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. Please conduct all future requests for information via the standard Official Information request process and the DHB will duly oblige.

We trust that the information provided covers your request.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Christine Lowry', written in a cursive style.

Christine Lowry
Executive Director – Hospital and Community Services
Waikato District Health Board

Appendix One

Theatre Procedure Cancellations on an Elective Session*

Grand Total		3566
	Cancelled Reason	Total
Theatre	Unavailable OT Time (Elective Case Cancelled for Acute)	516
Theatre	Unavailable OT Time (List Over Run)	322
Theatre	Theatre Resource Related (Includes Equipment and Nursing Staff)	106
Patient	Patient Unwell Acutely	504
Patient	Patient Declines Appointment	262
Patient	Clinically Not Fit For Surgery	260
Patient	DNA (Did Not Arrive)	218
Patient	Patient Related (Includes Medication Plan Not Followed and Not Nil By Mouth)	76
Hospital	Hospital Related (Includes COVID-19 Alert Level Restrictions)	541
Hospital	Surgeon/Dr/Anaesthetist Decision	356
Hospital	Surgery Not Required	222
Hospital	Bed Capacity	183

***Please note:**

- Session Type - Elective (Includes Elective and Acute Booked patients on an Elective Session) for surgeries booked onto elective lists or sessions in the main theatres in both Waikato and Thames Hospitals.
- For surgeries booked during the period of 1 March 2020 to 31 October 2021.
- Patient booking cancelled within three days of booked surgery date.
- This includes the impact of the cyber security outage and COVID-19 alert levels.