



21 January 2022

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Dear [REDACTED]

Official Information Act Request

Thank you for the request dated 24 November 2021 pursuant to the Official Information Act 1982. This was received as a partial transfer from the Ministry of Health to Waikato District Health Board on 2 December 2021. You have requested the following information:

The percentage of patients that have been declined referrals from multiple internal and external requests for gastro-intestinal department

Multiple being more than 3 separate GP/Doctor referrals

Time frame is from 1st January 2010 through 1st November 2021

From 1 January 2013 to 1 November 2021 0.21% of all patients referred to the gastro-intestinal department were declined referrals more than three times. Please note Waikato DHB has no data available for this prior to 2013.

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 be 'PP' followed by a stylized name.

Christine Lowry
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Waikato District Health Board