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**Re Official Information Request – Elective surgery impact post White Island**

I refer to your official information request dated 25 February 2020 requesting the following information.

**I am seeking the following information under the Official Information Act:**

**The number of elective surgeries/procedures which were;**

- 1. Rescheduled**
- 2. Postponed**
- 3. Cancelled**

**directly related to the White Island incident, between December 9 and February 1.**

**As well as outlining the total figure impacted during this time period, can you please break this down by outcome (as indicated above) and what department they were under, for example: cardiology, gynaecology..**

**Please also answer the following:**

**Is the DHB still feeling the impacts of the pressure on services as a result of the event?**

**If so, where is this being experienced most acutely? I.e. were there particular departments most impacted by the event and its fallout?**

**Have delays or amendments to elective surgeries impacted wait lists? How was this being mitigated?**

## Response

The number of elective surgeries/procedures which were directly related to the White Island incident, between December 9 and February 1.

Service	Rescheduled	Postponed	Cancelled
Starship	4		

**Is the DHB still feeling the impacts of the pressure on services as a result of the event?**

Starship is still feeling the impact somewhat. As a provider of many national services, it is not easy to catch up on a waitlist when it has been extended. No other areas of the DHB are still being impacted by this event.

**If so, where is this being experienced most acutely? I.e. were there particular departments most impacted by the event and its fallout?**

n/a

**Have delays or amendments to elective surgeries impacted wait lists? How was this being mitigated?**

Starship - Minimal delays were experienced, with minimal impact on waitlists.

I trust this information answers your questions.

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](http://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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**Chief Executive**