

20 October 2021



**Re Official Information Request for Orthognathic Surgical Criteria for Adults Class III Malocclusion**

I refer to your official information request dated 01 October 2021 for information about:

**I am writing to request a report on how many patients have been provided with publicly funded orthognathic surgery each year, over the past 5 years from Auckland DBH as a total number. I would like this number to then be categorised into how many patients received orthognathic surgery for a Class III Malocclusion (Child and adult categorised).**

**Additionally, I would like to be provided with a list of the Cephalometric and OPG- X Ray measurement criteria that would qualify an adult patient with a Class III Malocclusion to receive publicly funded Orthognathic surgery (+/- Community Services Card).**

**Lastly, I would like to be provided with a list of criteria that establishes the waiting times for an adult requiring orthognathic surgery.**

We have provided the information under each of your questions below.

- 1) I am writing to request a report on how many patients have been provided with publicly funded orthognathic surgery each year, over the past 5 years from Auckland DBH as a total number**

2016	20
2017	18
2018	25
2019	23
2020	15
Total	101

**2) I would like this number to then be categorised into how many patients received orthognathic surgery for a Class III Malocclusion (Child and adult categorised).**

Type	cleft palate	Syndrome	Cl 3	Cl 2
2016	9	6	2	3
2017	7	6	3	2
2018	13	5	4	3
2019	9	11	1	2
2020	7	4	2	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>%</b>	<b>44.5</b>	<b>31.6</b>	<b>11.8</b>	<b>11.8</b>

Approx 75% of patients have cleft palate or another craniofacial syndrome.  
Approx 25% of patients have developmental dentofacial cl 2 or 3 deformity.  
All patients have completed growth prior to undergoing surgery.  
This list excludes trauma patients who do not require orthodontics but do require secondary reconstruction by means of orthognathic surgery.

**3) I would like to be provided with a list of the Cephalometric and OPG- X Ray measurement criteria that would qualify an adult patient with a Class III Malocclusion to receive publicly funded Orthognathic surgery (+/- Community Services Card).**

Attached

**4) I would like to be provided with a list of criteria that establishes the waiting times for an adult requiring orthognathic surgery.**

The pathway for orthodontic/orthognathic surgery is attached.

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**