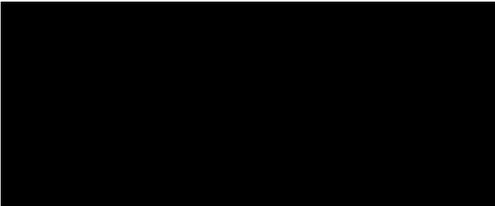


15 February 2022



Re: Official Information Act request – Waiting Lists for Skin Cancer Referrals - ADHB Ref: 20220110-1145

I refer to your Official Information Act request dated 25 January 2022 requesting the following information:

I am covering the issue of skin cancer care in New Zealand for TVNZ and would like to know the current size of the waiting list for all skin cancer referrals to your DHB as follows:

- **Initial consultation appointment for suspected or confirmed BCC, SCC and melanoma**
- **Surgical appointment for melanoma excision**
- **Surgical appointment for BCC or SCC excision**

I would also like to know to what extent, if any, your DHB funds GPs or private providers to carry out any SCC, BCC or melanoma excisions on an annual basis (e.g. for 2021).

Response

We have provided the information you have requested under each of the following headings:

- 1) Initial consultation appointment for suspected or confirmed BCC, SCC and melanoma**
45 patients waiting for a First Specialist Appointment at 4 February 2022
- 2) Surgical appointment for melanoma excision**
5 patients waiting on ADHB Surgical waiting list at 4 February 2022
- 2) Surgical appointment for BCC or SCC excision**
6 patients waiting on ADHB Surgical waiting list at 4 February 2022
- 3) I would also like to know to what extent, if any, your DHB funds GPs or private providers to carry out any SCC, BCC or melanoma excisions on an annual basis (e.g. for 2021).**
500 skin lesions are funded to be provided through GPs in the FY2021/22 (1/7/21 - 30/06/2022)

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 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 sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ailsa Claire". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Ailsa Claire
Chief Executive
Te Toka Tumai (Auckland District Health Board)