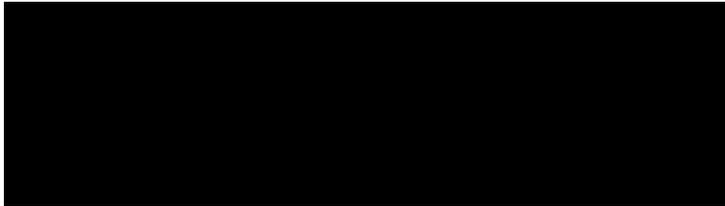


6 April 2022



Re: Official Information Act request – G Tube Surgery - ADHB Ref: 20220222-1160

I refer to your Official Information Act request dated 16 February requesting the following information:

What is the current typical wait time for paediatric g tube surgery and has this increased since the first covid lockdown in 2020, compared to prior to covid?

Response:

The average number of days waiting for surgery to insert gastric tubes for the 12 months prior to the first COVID-19 lockdown was 76 days. This decreased to 64 days in the following 12 months. Between April 2021 and March 2022 the average wait time has been 88 days.

	Average Days Waiting for Gastrostomy Surgery completed
12 Months Pre COVID (i.e. April 2019 to March 2020) none of these surgeries were performed between 25 th March and end of March 2020.	76
12 Months after COVID (April 2020 to March 2021)	64
From April 2021 to date	88

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,



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