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By email

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Ref H202205312

Dear s 9(2)(a)

Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) on 8 April 2022 for information regarding cancer treatment targets. You asked:

"I was specifically after the time to FSA and the time to treatment for all DHBs for the last 12 months I realise the problems with these metrics but better than none"

Please find attached a breakdown of the percentage of patients that received their cancer treatment in all district health boards (DHBs) from January 2021 to December 2021. This includes the percentage of patients with a confirmed cancer diagnosis who received their first cancer treatment within 31 days of a decision to treat, and patients referred urgently with a high suspicion of cancer to receive their first treatment within 62 days of the referral being received by the hospital. Please note that DHBs are expected to reach the 85% target for treating cancer patients within the 31-day indicator and the 90% target for the 62-day indicator. Further information about cancer treatment can be found on the Ministry's website on the following link: www.health.govt.nz/our-work/diseases-and-conditions/cancer/previous-cancer-initiatives/faster-cancer-treatment.

I trust this fulfils your request. Under section 28(3) of the Act, you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review any decisions made under this request. The Ombudsman may be contacted by email at: info@ombudsman.parliament.nz or by calling 0800 802 602.

Please note that this response, with your personal details removed, may be published on the Ministry of Health website at: www.health.govt.nz/about-ministry/information-releases.

Yours sincerely

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Cancer Control Agency

31-day indicator					
	Achievement Rate(Calendar year)				
DHB	2021_Jan_to_June	2021_April_to_Sep	2021_July_to_Dec		
Auckland	89.1%	91.6%	92.9%		
Bay of Plenty	85.5%	85.7%	84.7%		
Canterbury	91.2%	92.2%	91.4%		
Capital and Coast	86.5%	85.4%	87.5%		
Counties Manukau	82.5%	84.6%	85.5%		
Hawkes Bay	87.6%	89.9%	87.6%		
Hutt Valley	89.2%	90.1%	88.9%		
Lakes	90.5%	88.6%	92.6%		
MidCentral	85.7%	88.4%	91.0%		
Nelson Marlborough	89.9%	87.3%	86.9%		
Northland	72.3%	78.0%	86.5%		
South Canterbury	90.6%	86.6%	89.1%		
Southern	80.1%	81.4%	82.9%		
Tairawhiti	87.5%	89.2%	89.5%		
Taranaki	87.0%	88.7%	88.5%		
Waikato	84.0%	85.3%	88.4%		
Wairarapa	88.5%	90.3%	90.3%		
Waitemata	87.5%	87.6%	90.1%		
West Coast	80.0%	86.0%	80.0%		
Whanganui	89.7%	89.6%	90.2%		
National total	85.7%	86.9%	88.2%		

62-day indicator					
DHB	2021_Jan_to_June	2021_April_to_Sep	2021_July_to_Dec		
Auckland	92.4%	94.4%	95.5%		
Bay of Plenty	87.5%	95.8%	93.5%		
Canterbury	94.0%	92.7%	92.6%		
Capital and Coast	87.3%	83.8%	84.1%		
Counties Manukau	83.8%	80.5%	78.4%		
Hawkes Bay	86.7%	95.0%	81.6%		
Hutt Valley	86.2%	84.0%	80.3%		
Lakes	90.6%	88.2%	92.9%		
MidCentral	89.7%	96.0%	95.5%		
Nelson Marlborough	84.0%	83.6%	84.4%		
Northland	60.0%	68.1%	85.2%		
South Canterbury	88.5%	87.5%	74.2%		
Southern	67.7%	80.7%	80.4%		
Tairawhiti	92.1%	86.1%	90.6%		
Taranaki	72.5%	78.1%	76.8%		
Waikato	77.8%	63.4%	64.0%		
Wairarapa	89.1%	93.2%	86.1%		
Waitemata	89.7%	90.5%	87.8%		
West Coast	81.8%	92.3%	64.7%		
Whanganui	86.5%	87.5%	86.0%		
National total	84.3%	85.0%	84.7%		