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Dear [REDACTED]

**Official Information Act Request**

You have asked for information about CA-125 blood tests.

*Can you please tell me what the total requests during the 12 months of 2020 were for CA-125 blood tests in your DHB region? (If you use a different reporting year calendar, that's ok - just specify the timeline)*

*In addition to the total CA-125 blood tests requested (if you don't collect data on requests, total performed is ok) in your DHB region over the 12 months of 2020 (or whatever 12 month period your reporting calendar covers, so long as you specify the timeline) - can you also please include the estimated total population your DHB serves.*

Northland DHB holds data for tests performed in our hospital laboratories (Whangarei, Kaitiāia, Dargaville and Bay of Islands (Kawakawa) hospitals. For the period 1 December 2020 to 30 November 2021 379 CA-125 tests were performed. We do not hold data for tests ordered by community-based clinicians (primary care/general practitioners or specialist clinicians in private practice).

Northland DHB's population is estimated to be 193,170.

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If you have any queries about Northland DHB's response to your information request please contact the Chief Executive's office in the first instance.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Nick Chamberlain'.

**Dr Nick Chamberlain**  
**Chief Executive**