



9 November 2020

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Dear [REDACTED]

**Official Information Act Request**

You have asked for information about elective surgeries.

*Since July 2020 how many Māori have had elective surgery compared to non Māori.*

There are many factors that ultimately determine the number of patients and the mix of ethnicities that receive elective surgery. Accordingly, the surgical intervention is just one aspect of the patient pathway that extends from the community through into secondary (or in some cases tertiary) care. For the three month period July-September 2020 the total number of elective procedures performed was 2,227 of which 621 were Māori and 1,606 were non-Māori.

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If you have any questions regarding Northland DHB's response to your information request please contact me

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'N Chamberlain', written over a white background.

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