



1 September 2021

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Dear [REDACTED]

Official Information Act Request

You have asked for information about transvaginal ultrasounds.

Please provide the current wait time for an urgent, semi urgent and routine transvaginal ultrasound (or just ultrasound generally if your data does not make the distinction)

The current wait time for urgent scans is 2-4 weeks. The wait time will be shortened if stipulated by the gynaecologist.

The wait time for routine scans is 6-8 weeks.

The criteria for evaluating the urgency of a request (general, or ovarian if you have)

All ultrasound referrals are prioritised on the basis of individual patient history including clinical and blood test information supplied by the referring clinician.

The current Health Pathways criteria for your DHB for ovarian cancer

Northland DHB has localised two pathways that relate to ovarian cancer. These are attached.

If you are able to grant us permission to access Health Pathways for your area that would be appreciated.

Northland DHB is unable to give you access to Health Pathways, however public access is available at www.healthinfo.org.nz.

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If you have any queries about Northland DHB's response to your information request please contact me.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'N. Chamberlain', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Dr Nick Chamberlain
Chief Executive