



4 August 2020



Dear 

Partial Transfer of Official Information Act Request

The Ministry of Health transferred part of your information request regarding community oral health services for children to district health boards on 23 July 2020.

The part transferred to district health boards is as follows:

Can you please let me know the current percentage of overdue cases across the Northern, Midland, Central and Southern regions– and how that compares to the past two years. What are the longest wait times? Where are they?

Over the previous 2 years approximately 18% of Northland children (pre-school and school age) were overdue for oral health checks. Post COVID-19 lockdown that has risen to approximately 38% of children being over-due for oral health checks. The longest wait time is 20 months and the cases are spread across the Northland DHB catchment area.

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If you have any questions regarding Northland DHB's response to your information request please contact Liz Inch, Communications Manager, in the first instance. Liz can be contacted by e-mail at liz.inch@northlanddhb.org.nz , by telephone on (09) 430 4100 ext 60518 or 021 730 543.

Yours sincerely

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

Dr Nick Chamberlain
Chief Executive