



10 March 2020

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Dear [REDACTED]

Official Information Act Request

You have asked for the percentage coverage for diabetic retinal screening (ie the proportion of people with diabetes who have had a retinal screen within the last two years or other reporting period.

For the two years ending 31 December 2020 Northland DHB screened 63% of diabetic patients. As previously advised there were 7 weeks in 2020 during COVID-19 lockdown when screening clinics were suspended. Prior to 2020 the service consistently achieved screening 80% of the diabetic population in Northland.

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If you have any questions regarding Northland DHB's response to your information request please contact Northland DHB's Communications Manager, in the first instance at communications@northlanddhb.org.nz.

Yours sincerely

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

Dr Nick Chamberlain
Chief Executive