

5 September 2022



Tēnā kōrua

### **Official Information Act Request**

You have asked for information about elective services/planned care.

- 1. How many people are currently on the waiting list for all services for First Specialist Assessment (ESPI #2), what was the increase or decrease in numbers on the list for May – July 2022 inclusive, and how many in total have been waiting more than 12 months ?*

At the end of July 2022 there were 7847 ESPI 2 patients waiting for FSA and 916 waiting more than 12 months. At the end of May 2022 there were 7799 ESPI 2 patients waiting for FSA.

- 2. How many people are on the waiting list for surgery (ESPI #5 – elective services patient flow indicators), what was the increase or decrease in numbers on the list for May – July 2022 inclusive, and how many in total have been waiting more than 12 months ?*

At the end of July 2022 there were 3574 ESPI 5 patients waiting for treatment and 731 waiting more than 12 months. At the end of May 2022 there were 3536 ESPI 5 patients waiting for treatment.

- 3. What are the lowest and highest CPAC scores (Clinical Priority Access Code) for those waiting less than 12 months on the surgical wait list, and those waiting more than 12 months on the surgical wait list with the orthopaedic service, listed separately for the two time frames ?*

Long waiting times for treatment may be due to patient reasons such as sickness, family circumstances or they are not able to attend their scheduled operation date. In special cases, having considered the patient's full clinical circumstances, they may be placed on a surgical wait list even though they fall below the CPAC threshold for surgery.

At the end of July 2022, the lowest CPAC score for Orthopaedic patients waiting less than 12 months is 24. At the end of July 2022, the highest CPAC score for Orthopaedic patients waiting less than 12 months is 99.

At the end of July 2022, the lowest CPAC score for Orthopaedic patients waiting more than 12 months is 36. At the end of July 2022, the highest CPAC score for Orthopaedic patients waiting more than 12 months is 96.

4. How many GP referrals have been declined for all services per 6 months and yearly in the past 5 years, including the 6 months to June 30 2022, listed in absolute numbers and as a percentage of GP referrals per 6 months and per year ?

The totals below are the number and % of GP RMS E-Referrals declined for all services using our e-referral management system. Declined referrals may be due to us not providing the appointment/treatment requested or the patient's condition does not meet the threshold for the appointment/treatment.

Year	Period	Declined	Declined %
<b>2017</b>	January - June	1906	6.6%
	July - December	2199	7.1%
<b>2017 Total</b>		4105	<b>6.9%</b>
<b>2018</b>	January - June	1999	6.6%
	July - December	1897	6.1%
<b>2018 Total</b>		3896	<b>6.4%</b>
<b>2019</b>	January - June	1952	6.3%
	July - December	2043	6.0%
<b>2019 Total</b>		3995	<b>6.2%</b>
<b>2020</b>	January - June	2016	7.3%
	July - December	2141	5.7%
<b>2020 Total</b>		4157	<b>6.4%</b>
<b>2021</b>	January - June	2129	5.2%
	July - December	2108	5.6%
<b>2021 Total</b>		4237	<b>5.4%</b>
<b>2022</b>	January - June	1945	5.2%

5. What are the figures every quarter totaled for all services for the past 7 years for ESPI #1 – primary care referral acknowledgement ?

Please see data listed in the following table.

Period	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Jan-Mar	100%	96%	91%	82%	89%	93%	96%	100%
Apr-Jun	100%	91%	76%	91%	93%	93%	96%	93%
Jul-Sep	100%	100%	91%	84%	93%	89%	100%	
Oct-Dec	100%	100%	87%	91%	96%	91%	95%	

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