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Tēnā koe David,

### **Response to your request for official information**

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) which was partially transferred to Manatū Hauora (the Ministry of Health) from Te Whatu Ora (Health New Zealand) on 12 May 2023. You requested:

*“The proportion of patients triaged as having a High Suspicion of Cancer (HSCAN) by a secondary or tertiary care facility to the patients’ first treatment, on a quarterly or annual basis”*

Please find the below table which summarises the proportion of patients triaged as having a High Suspicion of Cancer (HSCAN) from 2014 to 2022. Please note that the total number of patients who were triaged includes:

- The patient had a confirmed diagnosis of cancer at triage
- There is not a high suspicion of cancer
- There is a high suspicion of cancer

<b>Year</b>	<b>Number of patients who were triaged as having a high suspicion of cancer</b>	<b>Total number of patients who were triaged</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
2014	4,154	11,165	37%
2015	5,531	14,931	37%
2016	6,397	15,687	41%
2017	6,460	15,849	41%
2018	7,014	16,805	42%
2019	7,196	16,801	43%
2020	7,638	17,466	44%
2021	7,672	17,420	44%
2022	7,205	16,722	43%

Under section 28(3) of the Act, you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review any decisions made under this request. The Ombudsman may be contacted by email at: [info@ombudsman.parliament.nz](mailto:info@ombudsman.parliament.nz) or by calling 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā



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