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Tēnā koe Kai

## Your request for official information, reference: HNZ00201313

Thank you for your email on 2 March 2026, asking Health New Zealand | Te Whatu Ora for the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the OIA):

1. *Median and 90th percentile waiting times (in days) for First Specialist Assessment (FSA) and Treatment, broken down by District and Specialty, for each month from January 2019 to present.*
2. *Number of patients on the waiting list at the end of each month, broken down by waiting time bands (0-4 months, 4-8 months, 8-12 months, 12+ months), by District and Specialty, from January 2019 to present.*

## Response

At Health NZ we are committed to delivering timely, quality healthcare to all New Zealanders. In line with the health targets set by the Government we are determined to deliver faster cancer treatment, improved immunisation rates, shorter stays in ED, shorter wait times for First Specialist Assessments (FSAs), and shorter wait times for elective treatment. More information is available here: <https://www.healthnz.govt.nz/about-us/what-we-do/planning-and-performance/health-targets>

1. *Median and 90th percentile waiting times (in days) for First Specialist Assessment (FSA) and Treatment, broken down by District and Specialty, for each month from January 2019 to present.*

Your request to for the median and 90<sup>th</sup> percentiles for wait times is refused under section 18(g) as the OIA does not require our agency to create new information to respond to a request.

Information on the FSA wait times is publicly available on our website:

[www.healthnz.govt.nz/publications/health-targets-performance-resources-2025-26](https://www.healthnz.govt.nz/publications/health-targets-performance-resources-2025-26) refer to Quarter 1 'Waitlist detailed data extracts'.

A direct link to this information is available here:

<https://static.info.content.health.nz/docs/publications/Waitlist-detail-extract-Q1-2025-26.xlsx>

2. *Number of patients on the waiting list at the end of each month, broken down by waiting time bands (0-4 months, 4-8 months, 8-12 months, 12+ months), by District and Specialty, from January 2019 to present.*

Please note the data provided is provisional. This is data which has not undergone the validation process that we use for published data. We recommend that caveats are consistently used, underscoring that the data is provisional, not validated through a formal validation process, and could be subject to change.

**Appendix One** responds to this part of your request. Some information has been withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the OIA to protect the privacy of natural persons.

Where we have withheld information under section 9 of the OIA, we have also considered any countervailing public interests in the release of this information. We do not believe that the public interests outweigh the need to withhold it in this instance.

### **How to get in touch**

If you have any questions, you can contact us at [h.nzOIA@tewhaturora.govt.nz](mailto:h.nzOIA@tewhaturora.govt.nz).

If you are not happy with this response, you have the right to make a complaint to the Ombudsman. Information about how to do this is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or by phoning 0800 802 602.

Nāku iti noa, nā



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