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Just Speak  
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Dear Megan

**Re: Official Information Act request – waiting lists for forensic inpatient services**

Thank you for your Official Information Act request received 22 January seeking the following of Waitemata District Health Board (DHB):

- *The total number of prisoners placed on the waiting list for inpatient services during the course of the most recent year you have records for;*
- *The length of time, in days, each prisoner spent on the waiting list.*

In response, Waitemata DHB operates the Regional Forensic Psychiatry Service, commonly known as 'the Mason Clinic', for the entire Northern Region, covering the Northland, Auckland and Counties Manukau districts as well as our own resident population.

Waitemata DHB is in the process of planning construction of a new purpose-built unit at Mason Clinic to meet the needs of the community and this will, in turn, have a positive effect on waiting times.

We have examined our records for the most recent year as you have requested.

The total number of prisoners placed on the waiting list for Regional Forensic Psychiatry inpatient Services between 5 January 2015 to 11 January 2016 was 104.

The enclosed table identifies the length of time, in days, each prisoner spent on the waiting list.

Please note that some individuals were admitted in less than seven days from the point of referral, in which case they would not be represented on the waiting list as this is compiled weekly.

In addition, some individuals on the waiting list are never actually admitted as their condition may improve with treatment while in custody or they may be released from custody and access mental health care elsewhere.

Whilst on the waiting list, patients receive appropriate clinical care whilst in custody. Care is provided through the Prison Liaison Team including nurses, social workers, psychologist, psychiatrist and cultural workers.

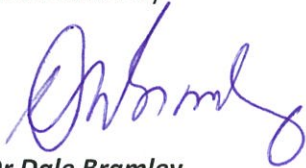
Team members assess and review each person on the waiting list regularly and liaise directly with prison health centre management and clinical staff about care and management.

Waitemata DHB strives to meet the standards of the 'Prison Model of Care' developed between the Northern and Midland Regional Forensic Psychiatric Services in 2011.

This model of care defines an acceptable upper limit waiting time as six weeks for an 'acute' admission and 12 weeks for those with 'sub-acute' reasons for admission.

I trust this information will satisfy your request.

Yours sincerely,



**Dr Dale Bramley**  
**Chief Executive Officer**  
**Waitemata District Health Board**

Data generated from 52 weeks of RFPs Waiting lists dated 05/01/2015 to 11/01/2016

Name	Date added to Waiting List	Date taken off Waiting List	Length of time, in days, each prisoner spent on the waiting list
Patient 1	05/01/2015	09/02/2015	35
Patient 2	12/01/2015	19/01/2015	7
Patient 3	12/01/2015	16/02/2015	35
Patient 4	12/01/2015	19/01/2015	7
Patient 5	19/01/2015	09/02/2015	21
Patient 6	02/02/2015	16/02/2015	14
Patient 7	09/02/2015	16/02/2015	7
Patient 8	09/02/2015	16/02/2015	7
Patient 9	16/02/2015	02/03/2015	14
Patient 10	23/02/2015	09/03/2015	14
Patient 11	02/03/2015	16/03/2015	14
Patient 12	02/03/2015	09/03/2015	7
Patient 13	09/03/2015	16/03/2015	7
Patient 14	09/03/2015	11/05/2015	63
Patient 15	09/03/2015	16/03/2015	7
Patient 16	16/03/2015	23/03/2015	7
Patient 17	23/03/2015	30/03/2015	7
Patient 18	23/03/2015	30/03/2015	7
Patient 19	23/03/2015	30/03/2015	7
Patient 20	23/03/2015	30/03/2015	7
Patient 21	23/03/2015	06/07/2015	105
Patient 22	30/03/2015	07/04/2015	8
Patient 23	30/03/2015	07/04/2015	8
Patient 24	30/03/2015	28/04/2015	29
Patient 25	30/03/2015	20/04/2015	21
Patient 26	30/03/2015	01/05/2015	32
Patient 27	07/04/2015	11/05/2015	34
Patient 28	13/04/2015	20/04/2015	7
Patient 29	13/04/2015	28/04/2015	15
Patient 30	20/04/2015	28/04/2015	8
Patient 31	20/04/2015	25/05/2015	35
Patient 32	20/04/2015	08/06/2015	49
Patient 33	20/04/2015	08/06/2015	49
Patient 34	20/04/2015	08/06/2015	49
Patient 35	11/05/2015	08/06/2015	28
Patient 36	11/05/2015	27/07/2015	77
Patient 37	18/05/2015	20/07/2015	63
Patient 38	25/05/2015	03/06/2015	9
Patient 39	08/06/2015	15/06/2015	7
Patient 40	08/06/2015	22/06/2015	14
Patient 41	08/06/2015	22/06/2015	14
Patient 42	08/06/2015	31/08/2015	84
Patient 43	15/06/2015	29/06/2015	14
Patient 44	15/06/2015	13/07/2015	28
Patient 45	22/06/2015	03/08/2015	42
Patient 46	22/06/2015	13/07/2015	21
Patient 47	29/06/2015	13/07/2015	14

Name	Date added to Waiting List	Date taken off Waiting List	Length of time, in days, each prisoner spent on the waiting list
Patient 48	29/06/2015	20/07/2015	21
Patient 49	29/06/2015	27/07/2015	28
Patient 50	06/07/2015	27/07/2015	21
Patient 51	06/07/2015	10/08/2015	35
Patient 52	06/07/2015	20/07/2015	14
Patient 53	20/07/2015	27/07/2015	7
Patient 54	20/07/2015	03/08/2015	14
Patient 55	20/07/2015	17/08/2015	28
Patient 56	27/07/2015	03/08/2015	7
Patient 57	27/07/2015	03/08/2015	7
Patient 58	03/08/2015	10/08/2015	7
Patient 59	10/08/2015	17/08/2015	7
Patient 60	17/08/2015	24/08/2015	7
Patient 61	17/08/2015	24/08/2015	7
Patient 62	24/08/2015	31/08/2015	7
Patient 63	24/08/2015	07/09/2015	14
Patient 64	31/08/2015	14/09/2015	14
Patient 65	07/09/2015	19/10/2015	42
Patient 66	07/09/2015	05/10/2015	28
Patient 67	07/09/2015	21/09/2015	14
Patient 68	14/09/2015	28/09/2015	14
Patient 69	14/09/2015	21/09/2015	7
Patient 70	14/09/2015	30/11/2015	77
Patient 71	21/09/2015	28/09/2015	7
Patient 72	21/09/2015	02/11/2015	42
Patient 73	21/09/2015	28/09/2015	7
Patient 74	21/09/2015	19/10/2015	28
Patient 75	21/09/2015	28/09/2015	7
Patient 76	28/09/2015	12/10/2015	14
Patient 77	28/09/2015	12/10/2015	14
Patient 78	05/10/2015	19/10/2015	14
Patient 79	12/10/2015	19/10/2015	7
Patient 80	19/10/2015	27/10/2015	8
Patient 81	19/10/2015	14/12/2015	56
Patient 82	27/10/2015	16/11/2015	20
Patient 83	27/10/2015	16/11/2015	20
Patient 84	27/10/2015	09/11/2015	13
Patient 85	02/11/2015	16/11/2015	14
Patient 86	02/11/2015	09/11/2015	7
Patient 87	02/11/2015	07/12/2015	35
Patient 88	02/11/2015	16/11/2015	14
Patient 89	09/11/2015		
Patient 90	09/11/2015	30/11/2015	21
Patient 91	09/11/2015	30/11/2015	21
Patient 92	09/11/2015	23/11/2015	14
Patient 93	09/11/2015		
Patient 94	23/11/2015	30/11/2015	7
Patient 95	23/11/2015	07/12/2015	14
Patient 96	23/11/2015	07/12/2015	14

Name	Date added to Waiting List	Date taken off Waiting List	Length of time, in days, each prisoner spent on the waiting list
Patient 97	07/12/2015		
Patient 98	07/12/2015	14/12/2015	7
Patient 99	14/12/2015	21/12/2015	7
Patient 100	14/12/2015	21/12/2015	7
Patient 101	14/12/2015	11/01/2016	28
Patient 102	14/12/2015		
Patient 103	21/12/2015		
Patient 104	11/01/2016		
Total Number of new prisoners placed on the waiting list inpatient services during the course of 2015	104		