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Dear Sam

Official Information Act (OIA) Request

Your OIA request of 6 September 2017 is acknowledged and has been passed on to me for response. You have requested the following information.

- **I would like to know the waiting times to be seen by each speciality in the DHB currently, based on whatever triage methods that are used (e.g. Very Urgent, Urgent, Routine, etc.)**

Please see the attached documents for the current waiting times by speciality within MidCentral DHB.

- **I would like to know how many patients are treated by the Alcohol & Drug Service.**

At the current time we have a total of 619 clients within the Service.

- **Further to that, how many patients are treated with Methadone and Suboxone (Buprenorphine and Naloxone) – I would like specific numbers for each of these medications – for opioid replacement therapy.**

- 356 clients on Methadone
- 32 on Suboxone

- **I would finally ask for the average stay for an inpatient psychiatric patient (for both regular and elder care) and the difference in the average stay for someone who has been "sectioned" and someone who has been admitted by other means.**

Please find below the average length of stay for both the adult and older adult wards. We do not record a separate average length of stay based on the patient's legal status.

- Ward 21 average length of stay is: 13 days (Adult inpatient)
- STAR 1 average length of stay is: 38.6 days (Older Adult inpatient)

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I trust this addresses your questions.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lyn Horgan'.

Lyn Horgan
Operations Director
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MidCentral DHB

Waiting times for clinics

For Clinics held at Hospital: Palmerston North

As at September 2017

SERVICE	URGENT	SEMI-URGENT	ROUTINE
Audiology	4 mths	4 mths	not accepting
Hearing Aid	6 - 8 wks	12 - 18 mths	2 yrs+
Cardiology	3 mths	not accepting	not accepting
Cardiology Test	2 mths	3 mths	not accepting
Cardothoracic	Visiting Consultant once per month		
Echocardiogram	1 mth	4 mths	not accepting
Colposcopy	10 days	1 - 4 wks	4 mths
Dental	1 - 3 wks	1 - 2 mths	not accepting
Dermatology	1 - 4 wks	1 - 4 mths	not accepting
Diabetes	1 mths	2 mths	3 mths
Elder Health	2 - 3 days	5 - 7 days	4 - 5 wks
Endocrinology	2 mths	3 mths	not accepting
Endoscopy	1 - 2 wks	2 - 4 mths	not accepting
ENT	1 - 4 wks	1 - 4 mths	not accepting
Gastro	1 - 2 wks	4 mths	not accepting
Gen Medicine	1 mth	3 - 4 mths	4 mths
Gen Surgery	1 - 4 wks	2 - 4 mths	not accepting
Gynaecology	1 - 6 wks	3 - 4 mths	not accepting
Haematology	1 wk	1 - 4 wks	1 - 3 mths
Infect Disease	1 mth	1 - 4 mths	not accepting
Med Acute Assessment	No clinic currently being held		
Neurology	1 - 2 mths	2 - 4 mths	not accepting
Neurophysiology (EEG)	6 - 8 wks		
Nerve Conduction Studie	2 - 4 mths		
Neurosurgery	1 - 2 mths	3 - 4 mths	not accepting
Oncology Med&Rad	24 hrs - 1 wk	2 - 3 wks	3 - 4 wks
Ophthalmology	1 - 2 wks	4 mths	not accepting
OMF	1 wk	2 - 3 wks	not accepting
Orthopaedics	1 - 4 wks	4 mths	not accepting
Paediatric Med	within 2 wks	1 mth	3 - 4 mths
Pain	No Pain Service currently provided at MidCentral		
Plastic	6 wks	12 wks	4 mths
Podiatry	1 mth	4 mths	not accepting
Psychogeriatric	24 hrs	1 wk	1 mth
Renal Medicine	1 mths	3 mths	virtual clinics
Respiratory	1 - 2 wks	1 - 4 mths	not accepting
Sleep assessment	1 - 4 wks	12 + mths	not accepting
Rheumatology	1 - 2 wks	2 - 3 mths	3 - 4 mths
Urology	1 - 3 mths	3 - 4 mths	not accepting
Ultrasound	Call Ultrasound	4 - 6 wks	4 - 15 mths
Wound	1 - 3 mths	3 - 4 mths	not accepting

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For Clinics held at Hospital: Horowhenua

As at September 2017

SERVICE	URGENT	SEMI-URGENT	ROUTINE
Cardiology	x	x	x
Colposcopy	Not Seen	4 wks	1 - 5 mths
Dental	x	x	x
Dermatology	x	x	x
Diabetes	No referrals received at Horowhenua		
Endocrinology	x	x	x
Endoscopy	x	x	x
ENT	Not seen	2 - 4 wks	3 mths
Gastro	4 wks	2 mths	3 mths
Gen Medicine	x	x	x
Gen Surgery	2 - 4 wks	2 mths	not accepting
Geriatric Medicine	1 mth	4 - 6 wks	2 mths
Gynaecology	2 wks	3 mths	4 mths
Haematology	x	x	x
Infect Disease	x	x	x
Neurology	x	x	x
Oncology	Clinics temporarily postponed at Horowhenua		
Ophthalmology	x	x	x
OMF	x	x	x
Orthopaedics	x	2 mths	not accepting
Paediatric Med	2 wks	1 mths	2 mths
Pain	x	x	x
Podiatry	2 - 4 wks	3 mths	4mths
Psychogeriatric	24 hrs - 1 wk	3 mths	3 mths
Radiotherapy	1 - 2 wks	2 - 4 wks	2 - 4 wks
Rehabilitaton	No clinic Horowhenua, Limited service PNH		
Renal Medicine	x	x	x
Respiratory	3 mths	3 mths	3 mths
Rheumatology	7 - 8 wks	2 mths	3 mths
Urology	No Clinic held at Horowhenua		
Ultrasound(PNH)	Not seen at Horowhenua		
Wound	2 wks	not accepting	not accepting

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For Clinics held at Hospital: Dannevirke

As at Sep 2017

SERVICE	URGENT	SEMI-URGENT	ROUTINE
Cardiology	Compass Health Clinics only		
Colposcopy	No Clinic Held in Dannevirke		
Dental	No Clinic Held in Dannevirke		
Dermatology	No Clinic Held in Dannevirke		
Diabetes (Nse/Diet)	No Clinic Held in Dannevirke		
Endocrinology	No Clinic Held in Dannevirke		
Endoscopy	No Clinic Held in Dannevirke		
ENT 1/12 clinic only	1 mth	3 mths	Not accepting
Gastro	No Clinic Held in Dannevirke		
Gen Surgery	1 - 2 mths	4 mths	not accepting
Elder Health	Up to 1 wk	1 - 2 wks	3 - 4 wks
Gynaecology	4 - 6 wks	10 - 12 wks	4 mths
Haematology	No Clinic Held in Dannevirke		
Infect Disease	No Clinic Held in Dannevirke		
Radiotherapy	4 wks	4 + wks	4 + wks
Neurology	No Clinic Held in Dannevirke		
Oncology	No Clinic Held in Dannevirke		
OMF	No Clinic Held in Dannevirke		
Ophthalmology	No Clinic Held in Dannevirke		
Orthopaedics	1 mth	2 - 4 mths	Not accepting
Paediatric Med	Within 2 wks	1 mth	2 - 3 mths
Pain	No clinic Held in Dannevirke		
Podiatry	1 mth	4 - 6 mths	not accepting
Psychogeriatric Med	Visiting Spec Nurse + refer Urgent PNH		
Renal Medicine	No clinic Held in Dannevirke		
Respiratory	1 - 4 wks		
Rheumatology	4 - 8 wks	2 - 4 mths	3 - 4 mths
Urology	No Clinic held in Dannevirke		
Ultrasound(PNH)	2 - 6 wks	3 mths	4 mths
Wound	4 wks	8 wks	not accepting