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## Response to a request for official information



Thank you for your request for official information received 11 June 2019 by Nelson Marlborough Health (NMH)<sup>1</sup> where you seek the following information, including a comparison for the same period in 2017:

### **1. The current waiting time for an appointment following a referral from a GP for a prostate cancer initial consultation**

From the Faster Cancer Treatment file based on patients referral date and with confirmed diagnosis of "Ca Prostate":

**Table 1**

Average Days between Referral Date and FSA*	
2017	32
Jan – Apr 2019	17

\*First Specialist Appointment

### **2. The current waiting time for a follow-up appointment for a prostate biopsy**

**Table 2**

Average Days between Referral Date and TRUS* prostate biopsy	
2017	78.6
Jan – Apr 2019	79.8

\*Transrectal Ultrasound guided

### **3. The current waiting time for a post-biopsy appointment to discuss results and treatment options**

**Table 3**

Average Days between TRUS biopsy to FU* Appointment for results	
2017	48
Jan – Apr 2019	30

\*Follow-Up

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**4. The current waiting time for a radical prostatectomy following the post-biopsy appointment**

**Table 4**

Average Days between Last FU/Outpatient Appointment Pre Admission and Admission Date for radical prostatectomy	
2017	70
Jan – Apr 2019	37

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If you have any questions about this decision please feel free to email our OIA Coordinator [OIArequest@nmdhb.govt.nz](mailto:OIArequest@nmdhb.govt.nz)

Yours sincerely



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