

1 November 2019

Response to a request for official information

Dear 

Thank you for your request for official information received 10 October 2019 by Nelson Marlborough Health (NMH)¹ where you seek the following information:

Please only include those patients who undergo prostatectomy surgery who have a confirmed prostate cancer diagnosis, not those who require the surgery for other conditions.

NMH responds in reference to the Faster Cancer Treatment file, based on a patient's referral date from January to August 2019 and with confirmed malignant neoplasm of prostate.

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

14 days.

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

This waiting time is defined as the time between a First Specialist Appointment (FSA) and an appointment for a Trans rectal ultrasound guided (TRUS) biopsy:

7 days.

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

This waiting time is defined as the time between a TRUS biopsy – either as a FSA or a Follow Up Appointment – and a further outpatient appointment for TRUS biopsy.

19 days.

4. ***The current waiting time for a radical prostatectomy following the post-biopsy appointment for persons with a confirmed prostate cancer diagnosis.***

0 (no applicable patients)

¹ Nelson Marlborough District Health Board

This response has been provided under the Official Information Act 1982. You have the right to seek an investigation by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or free phone 0800 802 602.

If you have any questions about this decision please feel free to email our OIA Coordinator OIArequest@nmdhb.govt.nz

I trust that this information meets your requirements. NMH, like other agencies across the state sector, supports the open disclosure of information to assist the public's understanding of how we are delivering publicly-funded healthcare. This includes the proactive publication of anonymised Official Information Act responses on our website from 10 working days after they have been released.

If you feel that there are good reasons why your response should not be made publicly available, we will be happy to consider.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, consisting of a large, stylized loop followed by a long horizontal stroke that ends in a small circle.

Dr Peter Bramley
Chief Executive

cc: Ministry of Health via email: SectorOIA@moh.govt.nz