



**3. Once the following referral has been accepted how long before seeing a specialist?**

**3A. Non urgent referrals**

**3B. Urgent referrals**

**TABLE 4**

<b>Prioritisation category</b>	<b>Average Days between Referral and First Specialist Appointment</b>
Urgent	23
Non urgent	130

**3C. Emergency department referrals**

Our Patient Information System does not capture this information as the requested referral groupings are not in line with DHB definitions and processes.

**4. How long from the patient first presenting to receiving a cervical colposcopy and if cancer detected at what stage?**

**4A. Non urgent referrals**

**4B. Urgent referrals**

**4C. Emergency department referrals**

**4D. Specialist referral**

**4E. GP referral**

Please see our response for Question 3C.

**5. How many cervical colposcopy was your DHB funded for the time period from 1 July 2018 - 30 June 2019 and how many were carried out?**

NMH does not allocate specific funding for a particular procedure. The DHB delivered 707 cervical colposcopies in 2018/19.

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](http://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](mailto: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



Dr Peter Bramley  
**Chief Executive**

cc: Ministry of Health via email: [SectorOIAs@moh.govt.nz](mailto:SectorOIAs@moh.govt.nz)