

NMH response

NMH does not provide Coronary Artery Bypass Grafting (CABG). We have a contract with Capital and Coast DHB for Cardiothoracic Surgery, including CABG. As such, please see our response to Questions 2 and 6 below.

2. Breakdown in terms of numbers for each type of specialist referral that were declined and accepted?

All decisions regarding the requirement for CABG are made at a multidisciplinary heart meeting with the cardiothoracic Centre's.

2A. Non urgent referrals

9 referrals were arranged and accepted following elective outpatient assessment.

2B. Urgent referrals

14 patients were transferred as inpatient referrals.

6. How many patients have died waiting to have coronary artery bypass graft?

None of our patients have died while awaiting CABG.

NMH does not necessarily need or use all of the Cardiothoracic Surgery Volume as we are a Percutaneous Cardiac Intervention (PCI) centre where we often intervene by placing stents in cardiac vessels, treating patients earlier in their overall cardiac journey.

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Yours sincerely



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