

OIA REQUEST

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Subject: Wait Times - Endometriosis

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In response to your request under the Official Information Act, please find our response below:

Request

- 1. Of all the patients with pelvic pain seen by a specialist in the last 12 months, what was the average wait time for that appointment?**
The average wait time was 68 days.
- 2. Of all the patients with pelvic pain seen by a specialist in the last 12 months, what was the longest and shortest wait time for that appointment?**
The longest wait time was 190 days. The shortest wait time was 3 days.
- 3. In the last 12 months how many patients have seen a specialist at the DHB for pelvic pain?**
There were 317 patients seen for pelvic pain in the last 12 months.
- 4. In the last 12 months, how many patients have been transferred to another hospital to treat endometriosis?**
There have been no transfers to other hospitals for patients needing treatment for endometriosis.
- 5. How many specialists does the DHB have available to diagnose and treat pelvic pain and possible endometriosis?**
There are 11 Consultants who are able to treat and diagnose and treat pelvic pain and endometriosis.
- 6. Of the patients who had advanced laparoscopic surgery to treat suspected endometriosis in the last 12 months, what was the average wait time to get that operation?**
The type of surgery i.e., laparoscopic is not a data field that is collected so the information requested is not available.
- 7. Of the patients who had advanced laparoscopic surgery to treat pelvic pain in the last 12 months, what was the longest and shortest wait time to get that operation?**
The type of surgery i.e., laparoscopic is not a data field that is collected so the information requested is not available. Pursuant to clause 18(f) of the Official Information Act the BOPDHB is declining release of this information on the grounds that to provide the information would require substantial collation.
- 8. A copy of the DHB's clinical pathway to treat suspected endometriosis.**
The Bay of Plenty District Health Board does not have a specific pathway for suspected endometriosis. Pursuant to clause 18(e) of the Official Information Act the BOPDHB cannot provide this information on the grounds that the information does not exist.



- 9. Of the patients who saw a specialist with serious back pain, in the last 12 months, what was the average wait time for that appointment?**
- 'Serious back pain' is not a presenting problem that is specifically recorded so the data requested is not available. Pursuant to clause 18(e) of the Official Information Act the BOPDHB cannot provide this information on the grounds that the information does not exist.
- 10. Of the patients who saw a specialist with serious back pain, in the last 12 months, what was the longest and shortest wait time for that appointment?**
- 'Serious back pain' is not a presenting problem that is specifically recorded so the data requested is not available. Pursuant to clause 18(e) of the Official Information Act the BOPDHB cannot provide this information on the grounds that the information does not exist.
- 11. Of the patients who had orthopaedic surgery to treat back pain, in the last 12 months, what was the average wait time for that appointment?**
- BOPDHB is unable to provide a response as data for orthopaedic surgery to 'treat back pain' is not specifically recorded. Pursuant to clause 18(e) of the Official Information Act the BOPDHB cannot provide this information on the grounds that the information does not exist.
- 12. Of the patients who had orthopaedic surgery to treat back pain, in the last 12 months, what was the longest and shortest wait time for that operation?**
- BOPDHB is unable to provide a response as data for orthopaedic surgery to 'treat back pain' is not specifically recorded. Pursuant to clause 18(e) of the Official Information Act the BOPDHB cannot provide this information on the grounds that the information does not exist.

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You have the right to request the Ombudsman investigate and review our response. www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely



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