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RE Official information request WCDHB 9503

I refer to your email dated 8 December 2020 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act from West Coast DHB. Specifically:

1. The number of patients who received a hip replacement for the period of 1/1/20 - 30/11/20.

There were 43 patients who received a hip replacement during the period requested.

2. The number of patients who received a knee replacement for the period of 1/1/20 - 30/11/20

There were 37 patients who received a knee replacement during the period requested.

3. The number of patients who received a hip replacement who were referred by a private specialist.

There were no patients who received a hip replacement having been referred by a private specialist.

4. The number of patients who received a knee replacement who were referred by a private specialist.

There was one patient who received a knee replacement following referral from a private specialist.

5. The number of patients who received a knee or hip replacement that were referred privately by a specialist who also contracts or works for your DHB.

There were no patients who received a hip or knee replacement following referral from a private specialist who also contracts for the West Coast DHB.

6. The number of privately referred patients who do not have to undertake a first specialist appointment

There were no privately referred patients that did not attend a first specialist appointment.

I trust this satisfies your interest in this matter.

Please note that this response, or an edited version of this response, may be published on the West Coast DHB website after your receipt of this response.

Yours sincerely

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