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RE Official information request WCDHB 9621

I refer to your email received dated 20 October 2021 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act from West Coast DHB. Specifically:

- 1. How many West Coasters have had surgery delayed as a result of both Covid lockdowns. (This includes here and in Christchurch.)**
 - 26/3/2020 – 14/5/2020
 - 18/8/2021 – 7/9/2021
- 2. Has this been caught up yet?**

West Coast DHB had 251 booked planned surgery cases cancelled as a result of Covid-19 lockdown restrictions in the period 26 March to 14 May 2020, including three surgery procedures deferred at request of the patients due to personal concern over Covid. In Canterbury during this same period, there were 23 West Coast domiciled patients who had their surgery delayed by Covid-19 lockdown restrictions. All of these cases have subsequently been caught up and provided treatment.

This year, locally, there have been 42 booked planned surgery cases cancelled as a result of Covid-19 lockdown restrictions in the period 18 August through to 12 September 2021, including two surgery procedures deferred at request of the patients due to personal concern over Covid.

The majority have since been treated, although there are seven surgery cases remaining to be treated locally whose surgery delay is directly attributable to the impact of the August-September 2021 lockdown restrictions. Surgery for these seven cases is planned to be provided in December.

In Canterbury during the period 18 August to 7 September 2021, there were 15 West Coast domiciled patients who had their surgery delayed by the latest Covid-19 lockdown restrictions. All of these cases have subsequently been caught up and provided treatment.

I trust that 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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