



West Coast District Health Board

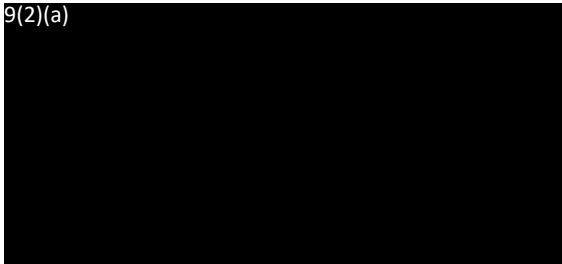
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RE Official Information Act request WCDHB 9701

I refer to your email dated 24 May 2022 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act from West Coast DHB regarding Allied Health strike impact. Specifically:

- 1. *How many appointments and surgeries were deferred as a result of the 24-hour strike on Monday May16?***
- 2. *How many appointments and procedures were deferred or cancelled as a result of the 'work to rule' action on May 9-20?***
- 3. *Of the affected procedures/surgeries - what kinds of surgeries - and did this include any cancer surgeries? If so, how many?***

West Coast DHB planned care health services were not greatly affected by the PSA strike action on 16 May, nor by the “work to rule” actions during the period 9 – 20 May 2022.

No specialist outpatient activity was cancelled or deferred. As there was firm advance warning of the strike action, no theatre cases were planned and booked for the periods of concern that could not otherwise still continue to proceed as usual. The surgical cases that would otherwise have been booked on a Monday (such as the day of the strike on 16 May) would have been general surgery cases under general anaesthetic and endoscopy procedures. Urgent endoscopy procedures that were signalled as potentially being high suspicion of cancer were booked and seen on alternate days that same week.

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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