

01 May 2019

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Via FYI.org.nz

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Dear Sir/ Madam,

Official Information Act (1982) Request

I write in response to your Official Information Act request, dated 05 April 2019. You requested the following information:

- 1. Please provide the criteria that are used to prioritize patients needing to be placed on a waiting list for elective Endometriosis laparoscopic investigation.**
 - **I would expect a response in the form of the exact questions a specialist would be answering within the National Prioritisation Tool or other tool that may be used along with the weighting of each question/ criteria.**
- 2. Please provide the range of possible scores used for prioritisation for the above procedure.**
- 3. Please provide CMDHB's current threshold scores for the above procedure, this may include, but is not limited to scores that would represent no help offered, medium and high priorities.**
- 4. Please provide the scores mentioned in (3) for the previous two years (from today's date), assuming they have changed over this period.**
- 5. Please provide information as to how a patient would be informed about their current waiting/ priority status, both initially after first assessment and also during the course of waiting for treatment.**

The CM Health Women's Health service is currently working to collate the information you have requested. The OIA requires that we advise you of our decision/ response within 20 working days, being 08 May 2019.

Unfortunately, several key clinical staff members required in preparation of the response data are currently being deployed in managing additional clinical demands, due to staff leave and the current industrial action. Consequently, we will require additional time to provide a finalised response.

We are therefore writing to notify you of an extension of the time to provide our response. Under Section 15A of the Official Information Act 1982, we are advising an extension for our response to

your questions. We will endeavour to respond sooner if possible, but the new deadline for receiving a response is now 17 May 2019.

You have the right, under Section 28(3) of the Official Information Act, to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision to extend the time limit for deciding upon your request.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M. Ap'a', with a stylized flourish above the name.

Margie Ap'a
Chief Executive