

4 October 2019

Ms Austin

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Dear Ms Austin

Official Information Act Request – Our Reference 2019/188

Thank you for your email received by Capital and Coast District Health Board (CCDHB) on 18 September 2019 in which, under the Official Information Act 1982, you requested information relating to MRI scan wait times.

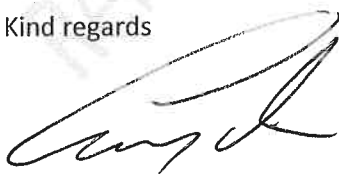
The request asks for the longest, shortest, median and average wait times for outpatient-referred patients to receive an MRI scan over the past six months, and one year. The information you have requested is set out in the table below.

It should be noted that the longest waiting times are for procedures planned far in advance, for example: an MRI to be performed three years after a tumour resection/treatment in order to monitor growth or changes in appearance.

	Outpatient MRI requests over the past six months (1 March 2019 - 30 August 2019)	Outpatient MRI requests over the past year (1 September 2018 - 30 August 2019)
Average Wait Time (days)	105	111
Median Wait Time (days)	56	63.5
Shortest Wait Time (days)	0	0
Longest Wait Time (days)	1096*	1096*

I hope this information addresses your query. You have a right to seek a review, under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act, by way of a complaint to the Ombudsman, about the information that has been provided to you.

Kind regards



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