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Dear Jack

Your e-mail of 28 April 2021, in response to our letter of 23 April 2021, is acknowledged.

In your OIA request of 29 March 2021 you requested a count of T2-T3 bladder cancers treated with TURBT (transurethral resection) alone and you have now requested that we ask the four Urologists that were on staff in 2016 for their individual count.

We have approached the four individual Urology Consultants and they agree that T2-T3 bladder cancer patients were initially treated with TURBT. TURBT is the only assessment tool that determines if the disease is T2 or T3. They agree that the number would be close to 100 percent but, as already indicated, pulling the information to audit this would be extremely labour intensive and we are unable to do this.

Please note that this response, or an edited version of this response, may be published on the MidCentral DHB website 10 working days after your receipt of this response.

Yours sincerely

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