

29 November 2021

C142200

Hope Kennedy-Smith
fyi-request-16998-0f21b14d@requests.fyi.org.nz

Tēnā koe Hope

Thank you for your request of 1 October 2021 requesting information about internal and external medical appointments in prison. Your request is being considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

You requested:

- 1) Please provide me with the total number of medical appointments outside of prison attended by prisoners, per week, since January 1, 2019. Please break this down by prison. Please give this to me in an excel spreadsheet.*
- 2) How many medical appointments outside of prison have been cancelled or delayed due to Level 3 and 4 Covid Lockdowns?*
- 3) Please provide me with the total number of medical appointments in prison attended by prisoners, per week, since January 1, 2019. Please break this down by prison. Please break this down by the type of appointment, e.g. nurse, doctor, dental. Please give this to me in an excel spreadsheet.*
- 4) How many medical appointments within prisons have been cancelled or delayed due to Level 3 and 4 Covid Lockdowns? Please break this down by the type of appointment, e.g. nurse, doctor, dental.*
- 5) How long is the waiting list to see a doctor, dentist, or nurse at each prison, as of today's date?*

We have decided to grant your request in part, namely information which relates to number of medical appointments and wait times. However, it will take us some time to prepare this information for release. We will send you that information as soon as possible. We have also decided to refuse your request for information which relates to external medical appointments and cancellations under lockdown under section 18(f) of the Official Information Act, as the information cannot be made available without substantial collation or research.

I trust the notice of this decision is of assistance. Should you have concerns with this response, I encourage you to raise them with Corrections. Alternatively, you are advised of your right to also raise any concerns with the Office of the Ombudsman. Contact details are: Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Ngā mihi

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R Jones', written in a cursive style.

Robert Jones
Manager Ministerial Services
People and Capability