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Tēnā koe Mr McGregor

Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) Response OIA2021113001

Thank you for your official information request transferred by the Ministry of Health and received by Capital & Coast (CCDHB) and Hutt Valley (HVDHB) District Health Boards on 30 November 2021 regarding *Surveillance guidelines after removal of colorectal adenomatous polyps*.

You requested:

1. *Surveillance guidelines after removal of colorectal adenomatous polyps for CCDHB/Wellington Hospital?*
2. *The percentage of patients that have been declined referrals from multiple internal and external requests for gastro-intestinal department - Multiple being more than 3 separate GP/Doctor referrals”.*

The information pertaining to your request is below.

Response

1. *Surveillance guidelines after removal of colorectal adenomatous polyps for CCDHB/Wellington Hospital?*

Capital & Coast District Health follows the national guidelines, which is available at the web address below:-

<https://www.health.govt.nz/publication/update-polyp-surveillance-guidelines-2020>

Noting these are guidelines and as such management may vary based on individual circumstances for example patient comorbidity etc.

2. *The percentage of patients that have been declined referrals from multiple internal and external requests for gastro-intestinal department - Multiple being more than 3 separate GP/Doctor referrals”.*

CCDHB

Between 1 November 2020 and 31 October 2021 the Gastroenterology department at CCDHB received a total of 2541 referrals for a first specialist assessment.

No (0%) patients were referred and declined more than 3 times over this period.

HVDHB

The total percentage of patients who were referred and declined more than 3 times at Hutt Valley DHB is 0.41% (2 out of 448) for the time period of 1 November 2021 to 31 October 2021.

I trust this information fulfils your request. You have the right to seek a review, under section 28(3) of the Act, by way of a complaint to the Ombudsman.

Nāku ite noa, nā

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fionnagh Dougan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped 'D'.

Fionnagh Dougan

Āpiha Whakahaere Mātāmua | Chief Executive

Ūpoko ki te uru Hauora | Capital & Coast and Hutt Valley District Health Boards