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### Your Official Information Act Request – Outsourcing Elective Surgeries

We refer to your Official Information Act request dated 7 June 2022 which was transferred to us by the Ministry of Health on 15 June 2022.

#### Request

I would like to request the following information for each of the DHBs in New Zealand, split by DHB.

1. The total number of procedures outsourced by year (including the year to date) for the past five years.
2. For each year, provide a breakdown of the type of procedure.
3. For each year, provide the total spend on outsourced elective surgeries.
4. For each year, provide the amount that these surgeries would have cost the DHBs if they had not been outsourced.

#### Response

1. **The total number of procedures outsourced by year (including the year to date) for the past five years.**
2. **For each year, provide a breakdown of the type of procedure.**

Outsourced Elective Surgery Procedures						
Service	Procedure Category	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22 YTD May
Anaesthesia	Epidural	-	-	-	-	38
Dental	Teeth Removal	-	-	-	-	23
ENT	Tonsillectomy	-	-	-	66	42
General Surgery	Breast Surgery	-	-	19	-	-
	Cholecystectomy	-	-	-	48	31
	Excise Cyst	-	-	-	1	-
	General Surgery Other	-	8	6	1	-
	Gynaecology Procedure	-	-	1	-	-
	Haemorrhoid Procedure	-	-	-	3	-
	Hernia Repair	25	22	13	92	77
	Lymphatic Surgery	-	-	5	-	-
	Skin Lesion Removal	-	-	4	-	-
	Thyroidectomy	2	4	-	11	16
Gynaecology	Gynaecology Procedure	-	-	8	2	6
Ophthalmology	Canthoplasty	1	-	-	3	2
	Cataract Procedure	798	865	833	856	777
	Conjunctiva Procedure	10	12	6	17	19
	Cornea Procedure	9	8	15	29	27
	Correction of Ectropion	23	24	23	30	26
	Correction of Ptosis of Eyelid	8	9	4	3	3

Outsourced Elective Surgery Procedures						
Service	Procedure Category	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22 YTD May
	Enucleation of Eyeball	3	2	6	5	3
	Excision of Pterygium	36	33	36	27	31
	Extraction of Crystalline Lens	8	1	14	19	18
	Eyelash Procedure	10	11	11	16	19
	Eyelid Procedure	70	44	35	55	45
	Intraocular Lens Procedure	7	7	3	8	2
	Keratectomy	6	6	3	5	5
	Lacrimal Procedure	9	7	8	6	5
	Ophthalmology-Other	65	67	82	91	79
	Removal of Vitreous	79	88	95	131	110
	Repair Eyelid	3	4	6	8	1
	Repair Retinal Detachment	33	20	18	7	4
	Retinal Photography	-	1	1	-	-
	Scleral Fistulisation Procedure	2	1	6	2	2
	Strabismus Procedure	12	2	22	23	18
	Subconjunctival injection	4	16	12	7	15
	Tarsal Procedure	8	7	4	6	7
	Trabeculectomy	11	7	10	6	17
Orthopaedic	Arthroplasty Ankle	8	7	-	7	8
	Arthroplasty Hip	70	82	87	150	120
	Arthroplasty Knee	75	84	60	130	133
	Arthroplasty Shoulder	-	-	-	21	10
	Carpal Tunnel Release	35	-	-	-	76
	Joint Surgery	-	1	1	6	5
	Spinal Procedure	-	-	-	1	29
Plastic Surgery	Breast Surgery	-	-	-	2	3
	Excise Cyst	-	-	-	-	1
	Excise Skin Lesions	-	-	4	2	9
	Plastic Other	-	-	-	5	3
Vascular Surgery	Insertion of Vascular Device	-	-	3	-	-
	Total	1,430	1,450	1,464	1,908	1,865

#### Notes

1. Procedure count above includes elective only, outsourced surgeries funded by the DHB;
2. Excludes ambulatory activity and diagnostic procedures;
3. Financial years cover 1 July to 30 June;
4. 2021/2022 YTD 31 May.

**3. For each year, provide the total spend on outsourced elective surgeries.**

This information is not available as:

- (a) Pursuant to clause 18(f) of the Official Information Act the BOPDHB is declining release of this information on the grounds that to provide the information would require substantial collation. This information is not held in an easily retrievable electronic data system. To provide this information would require going through the data manually which would take a substantial amount of time and resource. Ambulatory or diagnostic costs cannot be extracted from total spend figures.

**4. For each year, provide the amount that these surgeries would have cost the DHBs if they had not been outsourced.**

Surgical Procedure Expenditure Based on Hospital Delivery					
Service	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22YTD May
Anaesthesia	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$120,108
Dental	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$78,713
ENT	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$194,097	\$144,066
General Surgery	\$125,418	\$189,507	\$345,150	\$1,019,558	\$929,354
Gynaecology	\$-	\$-	\$31,562	\$13,177	\$20,791
Ophthalmology	\$3,151,994	\$3,039,749	\$3,475,734	\$4,018,639	\$4,296,849
Orthopaedic	\$2,545,063	\$2,860,782	\$2,383,894	\$5,472,639	\$5,932,022
Plastic Surgery	\$-	\$-	\$15,092	\$60,893	\$64,475
Vascular Surgery	\$-	\$-	\$5,128	\$-	\$-
Total	\$5,822,474	\$6,090,038	\$6,256,560	\$10,779,002	\$11,586,378

**Notes**

1. Dollars above represent elective only, outsourced surgeries funded by the DHB, converted to hospital price;
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If you have any questions, you can contact us at [oa.request@bopdhb.govt.nz](mailto:oa.request@bopdhb.govt.nz)

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