



# West Coast District Health Board

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Dear Susan

### Official Information Act request WCDHB 8633

We refer to your email of 11 December 2015, and transferred to us by Liz McMillan of the Ministry of Health, requesting information under section 12 of the Official Information Act on the minimum, average and maximum CPAC scores for which patients were assessed and scheduled hip and knee replacement surgery at our DHB in 2014 and 2015. Please find the answer to your question below.

### Response:

The minimum, average and maximum CPAC score for those individuals who were assessed and provided with hip and knee replacement surgery at West Coast DHB in the calendar years 2014 and 2015 were as follows:

Surgical Procedure	CPAC Score Range	2014	2015 *
Hip Replacements	Minimum	50	59
	Maximum	95	90
	Average	79.8	78.8
Knee Replacements	Minimum	35	65
	Maximum	90	90
	Average	75.9	77.0
Hip and Knee Replacements (Combined)	Minimum	35	59
	Maximum	95	90
	Average	77.5	77.9

\* Covers period 1 January – 30 November 2015

Please also refer to **Appendix 1** attached, which outlines the respective CPAC scores which drive the relative urgency and priority for treatment within a four-month time-frame of being offered surgery for the various orthopaedic procedures undertaken at West Coast DHB. Hip and knee patients may access the waiting list at score of 65 as non-urgent routine cases; although as seen from the range of CPAC scores of those patients who were actually provided surgery, patients may also be offered surgery at thresholds lower than this score for non-urgent routine cases.

The attached orthopaedic scoring tool has been used to date by our surgeons to calculate the CPAC score for each individual patient when they have been assessed for surgery at West Coast DHB. A new national clinical prioritisation tool for access to publicly funded elective orthopaedic surgery has been developed by the New Zealand Orthopaedic Associations and the New Zealand branch of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons. Earlier in November 2015, this new orthopaedic tool was confirmed with the Ministry of Health following clinical consultation during September and October, and is now ready for roll out across all DHBs, via a web-based format hosted on the Ministry of Health's National Prioritisation Platform. All DHBs are required to have implemented this nationally consistent prioritisation tool for orthopaedic surgery tool by 31 July 2016. West Coast DHB is planning to move to using this new tool in January 2016.

I trust that this satisfies your interest in this matter.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Carolyn Gullery', with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Carolyn Gullery  
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