

Corporate Services



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Via email: fyi-request-7710-13232d7c@requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear Sir/Madam

YOUR OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT (1982) REQUEST

I refer to your Official Information Act request dated 24 April 2018 requesting information on treatment options for people undergoing treatment for gallstones and cholecystitis.

You specifically requested the following:

Please provide a copy of all the information the HBDHB provides to clients (public health consumers) during the clinical assessment, cholecystectomy (laparoscopic) preoperative informed consent and surgery admission process.

Information to include but not exclusive to:

1. Patient treatment information handout / fact sheet brochures
2. Patient informed consent form or forms
3. Elective surgery consent form or forms
4. Post cholecystectomy wound care, recovery and diet information
5. And any other handout information provided to clients

Include also if possible

- a) published and revision dates
- b) any links to online published information on your website

In response to your questions above, HBDHB provides the following response in sequential order:

It is usual practice for clinicians to provide patients with a copy of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons (RACS) brochure on gall bladder surgery at the patient's initial consultation. Patients are also given a copy of this when they are on the ward and are booked in for acute surgery. This brochure is comprehensive and is used exclusively at HBDHB. A copy of this brochure is attached for your information as **Appendix A**.

All patient consent is authorised on the HBDHB standard consent form and a copy of this is also attached as **Appendix B** for your information.

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Pre-hospital and admission information, is provided to the patient at the preadmission clinics. Similarly, the House Surgeon and Nurse will spend a considerable amount of time with the patient during this time to allow for questions to be asked and appropriate responses provided to the patient.

A copy of the forms for this pre-admission time is provided as **Appendix C**.

I trust this information meets your needs. If you would like any further information or clarification please phone me. If you are not satisfied with this response you may contact the Office of the Ombudsmen, phone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely

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

Dr Kevin Snee
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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