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RE Official Information Act request – WCD 9819 / HNZ00014579

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I refer to your email dated 22 March 2023 requesting the following information from Te Whatu Ora Te Tai o Poutini West Coast under the Official Information Act regarding skin cancer surgery and eye surgery. Specifically:

- **Can you tell me how many people are waiting for skin cancer surgery and**
- **How many adults and how many children are waiting for eye surgery and**
When will they be able to have them again, or are they being sent to other hospitals?

Locally delivered elective surgery by Te Whatu Ora at Te Nīkau Grey Hospital in Greymouth has not stopped and is unaffected by the same sorts of capacity issues currently being experienced in Christchurch Public Hospital.

As at 23 March 2023, there were 19 patients on the Te Tai o Poutini West Coast surgery waiting list for skin lesion excisions for the removal of skin cancers or suspected cancers; of which three are already booked to be seen at the next clinic.

As at 23 March 2023, there were 33 adult patients on the Te Tai o Poutini West Coast surgery waiting list for eye surgery. There were no children or youth (age 18 or under) on the eye surgery waiting list at this time. No inpatient or day-case eye surgery is undertaken at Te Nīkau Grey Hospital in Greymouth. These surgeries are outsourced and are all delivered by private surgery providers in Nelson and Christchurch. As such, this service remains uninterrupted.

I trust that this satisfies your interest in this matter.

Please note that this response, or an edited version of this response, may be published on the Te Whatu Ora / Health NZ website after your receipt of this response.

Ngā mihi / Yours sincerely,



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