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Dear [REDACTED]

YOUR OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT (1982) REQUEST HBDHB REF: OIA2020049

I refer to your Official Information Act request dated 17 March 2020 and the follow-up information provided by the Ministry of Health, refer attached. Your questions and Hawke's Bay District Health Board's response is provided below:

What comment or additional information can the DHB add to the threshold documentation provided by the Ministry of Health.

The thresholds are a numeric indicator of capacity to provide access where the demand to provide service exceeds the capacity available within the system.

The ranking and scoring of patients by assessment of their individual need versus ability to benefit is to ensure that access is targeted to those deemed to have the greatest clinical need. The elective (planned care) system is designed to provide transparency, certainty and consistency to patients.

Clinicians have the ability to apply a clinical override such that patients who score below the threshold may still be placed on a list for treatment based on the individual circumstances of any patient and the clinical judgement of the clinician undertaking the triage.

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 Ombudsman, phone 0800 802 602.

Please note that this response, or an edited version of this response, may be published on the Hawke's Bay DHB website after your receipt of this response.

Yours sincerely



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