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(name and contact details redacted)

Dear (name redacted)

YOUR OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT (1982) REQUEST HBDHB REF: OIA2020151

I refer to your Official Information Act request dated 16 November 2020 where you requested information from Hawke's Bay District Health Board (HBDHB). Your questions and HBDHB's response is provided below:

1. *What is the surgery threshold for:*

- ***endometriosis laparoscopic surgery***
- ***knee replacement***
- ***hip replacement***

The current HBDHB Clinical Priority Assessment Criteria for:

- Gynaecology is ≥ 57 and
- Orthopaedics ≥ 80 .

These are indicative thresholds and can change at times due to a number of variable factors including specialist availability.

Threshold is defined as the lowest score for patients receiving treatment and excludes children (automatic inclusion) and a small number of adult patients with lower scores.

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

Waitlist management and threshold review includes input from both hospital clinicians and referring GPs.

Surgery is offered to those patients who have the greatest need and who will benefit the most compared to other patients with similar conditions.

2. *Can I also find out whether any surgery thresholds have changed in the last five years at your DHB. Can this include what the threshold change was and for what surgery.*

Please refer to response provided in question 1 above.

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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