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Tēnā koe Margaret

**Your request for Official information, reference: HN200030918**

Thank you for your email on 11 October 2023, asking for the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). Please see our response to each part of your request outlined below.

*“Between 2005 and 2022 how many Whipple procedures have been performed?”*

*Of those procedures how many were successfully completed with the patient surviving?”*

*Of those procedures how many were due to a diagnosis of pancreatic cancer?”*

In response to this part of your request, please see the data requested in **Tables 1, 2 and 3** below. Please note, we are unable to say how many patients survived the procedure, though we can identify those who died during their stay in hospital. Similarly, we are unable to say why the procedure was performed, though we can identify the reason the patient was admitted to hospital initially.

**Table 1: Number of publicly funded hospital discharges with reported procedure code of Pancreaticoduodenectomy with formation of stoma.**

Financial Year	Number of Discharges	Financial Year	Number of Discharges
2004/2005	57	2014/2015	72
2005/2006	57	2015/2016	81
2006/2007	68	2016/2017	79
2007/2008	71	2017/2018	66
2008/2009	59	2018/2019	74
2009/2010	62	2019/2020	86
2010/2011	58	2020/2021	108
2011/2012	75	2021/2022	106
2012/2013	72	2022/2023	98
2013/2014	71		

**Table 2: Number of publicly funded hospital discharges with reported procedure code of Pancreaticoduodenectomy with formation of stoma where the patient was discharged deceased.**

Financial Year	Number of Discharges	Financial Year	Number of Discharges
2004/2005	2	2014/2015	4
2005/2006	1	2015/2016	3
2006/2007	2	2016/2017	3
2007/2008	2	2017/2018	0
2008/2009	1	2018/2019	2
2009/2010	5	2019/2020	4
2010/2011	8	2020/2021	0
2011/2012	2	2021/2022	0
2012/2013	2	2022/2023	2
2013/2014	6		

When considering the data, it is important to note that death may be unrelated to the procedure.

**Table 3: Number of publicly funded hospital discharges with reported procedure code of Pancreaticoduodenectomy with formation of stoma where primary diagnosis was malignant neoplasm of pancreas.**

Financial Year	Number of Discharges	Financial Year	Number of Discharges
2004/2005	24	2014/2015	35
2005/2006	29	2015/2016	45
2006/2007	25	2016/2017	32
2007/2008	36	2017/2018	33
2008/2009	23	2018/2019	32
2009/2010	31	2019/2020	35
2010/2011	29	2020/2021	55
2011/2012	41	2021/2022	49
2012/2013	30	2022/2023	38
2013/2014	37		

*Of those procedures how many also required the use of mesh in the procedure itself*

*Of those procedures how many required the use of mesh in follow-up treatment?*

*Of the patients in the last two groups where mesh was used, how many remain alive”.*

We are unable to provide information for this part of your request as this information is not reported to Te Whatu Ora. This information would be included in individual case files held by hospitals. In order to provide you with this information, Te Whatu Ora staff would have to manually review over a thousand files. As such, this part of your request is refused under section 18(f) of the Act. The greater public interest is in the effective and efficient administration of the public service.

We have considered whether Te Whatu Ora would be able to respond to your request given extra time, or the ability to charge for the information requested. I have concluded that, in either case, Te Whatu Ora's, ability to undertake its work would still be prejudiced.

### **How to get in touch**

If you have any questions, you can contact us at [hnzOIA@health.govt.nz](mailto:hnzOIA@health.govt.nz).

If you are not happy with this response, you have the right to make a complaint to the Ombudsman. Information about how to do this is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or by phoning 0800 802 602.

As this information may be of interest to other members of the public, Te Whatu Ora may proactively release a copy of this response on our website. All requester data, including your name and contact details, will be removed prior to release.

Nāku iti noa, nā

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