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Right to Information Decision **Right to Information No.: RTI201516-024**

Applicant: Ms Rebecca White
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Date of Application: 7 August 2015

Information Requested

- 1 A copy of all information relating to the number of elective surgeries put on hold or cancelled in each quarter of the last financial year (2014/15) by region (North, South and North West) including the documented reason for each cancellation and including the numbers of elective surgeries that were postponed or cancelled by the hospital or by the patient.

Application Fee

The prescribed application fee was waived in accordance with Section 16(2)(b) (the applicant is a Member of Parliament acting in connection with his or her official duty) of the *Right to Information Act 2009*.

Decision and Statement of Reasons

Please review the attached documents.

Decision Made by

This decision was made by Mike Cain, Senior Consultant, Right to Information, a delegated Right to Information officer of the Department of Health and Human Services, appointed by an instrument of delegation in accordance with section 24 of the *Right to Information Act 2009*.

Launceston General Hospital ESWL Postponements			Quarter 1		
		Postponement Reason	Jul (14)	Aug (14)	Sep (14)
Hospital	Pre Admission	Administration	1	1	-
Hospital	Pre Admission	Anaesthetist - Unavailable	-	-	1
Hospital	Pre Admission	Incomplete Patient Preparation	-	-	-
Hospital	Pre Admission	More Urgent Elective Case	20	21	23
Hospital	Pre Admission	No app. Beds	-	-	-
Hospital	Pre Admission	No beds	-	-	-
Hospital	Pre Admission	No ICU Beds	-	1	2
Hospital	Pre Admission	Over-Riding Emergency	3	12	7
Hospital	Pre Admission	Surgeon - Unavailable	6	10	12
Hospital	Pre Admission	Surgeon Postponed	13	10	15
Hospital	Pre Admission	Theatre - Equipment Unavailable	1	-	2
Hospital	Pre Admission	Theatre - List Overbooked	1	1	6
Hospital	Pre Admission	Theatre - Ran out of operation time	3	-	1
Hospital	Pre Admission	Theatre Staff Unavailable	-	-	-
Hospital	Pre Admission	Total	48	56	69
Hospital	Post Admission	Administration	-	-	-
Hospital	Post Admission	Anaesthetist - Unavailable	-	-	-
Hospital	Post Admission	Incomplete Patient Preparation	2	1	-
Hospital	Post Admission	More Urgent Elective Case	1	1	2
Hospital	Post Admission	No beds	-	-	-
Hospital	Post Admission	No ICU Beds	-	-	7
Hospital	Post Admission	Over-Riding Emergency	13	15	5
Hospital	Post Admission	Surgeon - Unavailable	2	-	6
Hospital	Post Admission	Surgeon Postponed	1	2	-
Hospital	Post Admission	Theatre - Equipment Unavailable	-	-	-
Hospital	Post Admission	Theatre - List Overbooked	-	-	-
Hospital	Post Admission	Theatre - Ran out of operation time	16	13	12
Hospital	Post Admission	Theatre Staff Unavailable	-	-	-
Hospital	Post Admission	Total	35	32	32
Hospital	Total		83	88	101
Patient	Pre Admission	Operation Not Required	3	8	5
Patient	Pre Admission	Patient - Convenience	4	13	8
Patient	Pre Admission	Patient - Medical Condition	17	27	27
Patient	Pre Admission	Patient non compliant	1	-	3
Patient	Pre Admission	Total	25	48	43
Patient	Post Admission	Operation Not Required	3	1	4
Patient	Post Admission	Patient - Convenience	-	-	-
Patient	Post Admission	Patient - Medical Condition	5	7	7
Patient	Post Admission	Patient Admitted - Died *	-	-	-
Patient	Post Admission	Patient non compliant	2	2	4
Patient	Post Admission	Total	10	10	15
Patient	Total		35	58	58

Quarter 2		
Oct (14)	Nov (14)	Dec (14)
2	3	1
-	-	2
1	-	-
28	12	31
-	-	-
-	-	-
-	-	-
11	3	3
20	21	12
3	8	3
1	-	4
1	3	-
-	-	-
-	-	-
67	50	56
-	2	-
-	-	-
-	4	-
-	1	1
1	-	-
1	-	-
2	2	5
-	1	1
2	-	2
1	2	-
1	-	-
22	10	10
-	-	-
30	22	19
97	72	75
4	6	5
16	10	9
25	17	23
1	-	-
46	33	37
2	-	-
-	-	-
9	9	1
1	-	-
1	3	2
13	12	3
59	45	40

Quarter 3		
Jan (15)	Feb (15)	Mar (15)
2	-	-
-	-	-
-	-	2
11	20	38
-	-	-
-	-	1
-	-	1
11	10	14
3	10	17
8	8	8
3	1	1
-	-	-
2	2	-
-	-	6
40	51	88
1	-	-
-	-	-
-	3	1
-	3	2
-	-	-
-	-	-
8	6	11
-	-	3
-	1	2
-	1	-
-	-	1
21	16	26
-	-	-
30	30	46
70	81	134
10	10	9
18	8	7
21	15	23
1	2	-
50	35	39
-	1	3
-	-	-
3	6	5
-	-	-
1	1	2
4	8	10
54	43	49

Quarter 4			
Apr (15)	May (15)	Jun (15)	Total
-	1	-	11
-	4	-	7
1	1	1	6
29	32	31	296
-	1	-	1
-	-	5	6
-	-	-	4
9	3	12	98
3	11	13	138
14	13	8	111
3	-	4	20
-	-	2	14
1	-	1	10
-	-	-	6
60	66	77	728
-	-	1	4
-	1	2	3
1	1	-	13
1	-	2	14
2	-	8	11
-	1	-	9
4	12	4	87
1	-	1	15
1	-	1	12
-	-	2	6
-	-	-	2
15	9	12	182
1	-	-	1
26	24	33	359
86	90	110	1087
8	11	10	89
15	11	11	130
21	23	23	262
1	1	-	10
45	46	44	491
2	2	5	23
1	-	-	1
4	4	3	63
-	1	-	2
1	2	3	24
8	9	11	113
53	55	55	604

NWRH			Jul (14)	Aug (14)	Sep (14)	Oct (14)	Nov (14)	Dec (14)	Jan (15)	Feb (15)	Mar (15)	Apr (15)	May (15)	Jun (15)	Jul (15)	Aug (15)	Total
Hospital	Pre Admission	More Urgent Elective Case	7	3	13	7	13	2	7	6	8	11	14	5	3	1	100
Hospital	Pre Admission	Surgeon - Unavailable	-	8	1	-	3	2	2	5	3	11	19	2	3	3	62
Hospital	Pre Admission	Theatre - List Overbooked	4	5	4	-	3	3	1	2	5	1	2	-	1	-	31
Hospital	Pre Admission	No beds	8	12	1	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	4	3	-	-	31
Hospital	Pre Admission	Surgeon Postponed	9	2	-	1	2	-	1	2	-	4	6	-	-	-	27
Hospital	Pre Admission	Anaesthetist - Unavailable	-	-	6	6	-	-	2	-	-	1	-	4	4	2	25
Hospital	Pre Admission	Over-Riding Emergency	-	-	2	4	-	-	1	-	1	1	1	1	1	-	12
Hospital	Pre Admission	Incomplete Patient Preparation	1	2	2	-	-	1	3	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	10
Hospital	Pre Admission	Theatre Staff Unavailable	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
Hospital	Pre Admission	Theatre - Equipment Unavailable	-	-	-	1	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
Hospital	Pre Admission	No app. Beds	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Hospital	Pre Admission	No ICU Beds	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Hospital	Pre Admission	Administration	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Hospital	Pre Admission	Total	31	34	31	18	25	10	20	17	17	29	47	15	12	6	312

Hospital	Post Admission	Patient Admitted - Treatment Defert	2	1	8	5	4	4	2	5	8	5	8	5	7	-	64
Hospital	Post Admission	Surgeon - Unavailable	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	4
Hospital	Post Admission	More Urgent Elective Case	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	3
Hospital	Post Admission	No beds	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Hospital	Post Admission	No ICU Beds	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Hospital	Post Admission	Over-Riding Emergency	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Hospital	Post Admission	Surgeon Postponed	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Hospital	Post Admission	Theatre - List Overbooked	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Hospital	Post Admission	Total	2	1	8	5	8	6	2	6	8	6	12	5	7	-	76
Hospital	Total		33	35	39	23	33	16	22	23	25	35	59	20	19	6	388

Patient	Pre Admission	Patient - Convenience	9	9	15	11	17	16	18	14	12	28	15	12	19	3	198
Patient	Pre Admission	Patient - Medical Condition	11	13	9	3	8	9	8	12	14	10	19	16	10	9	151
Patient	Pre Admission	Operation Not Required	2	7	4	4	5	5	-	2	2	-	4	3	4	1	43
Patient	Pre Admission	Patient non compliant	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	4
Patient	Pre Admission	Total	22	29	28	18	30	31	26	28	29	39	39	31	33	13	396

Patient	Post Admission	Patient - Medical Condition	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	1	5
Patient	Post Admission	Patient Admitted - Died *	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	3
Patient	Post Admission	Operation Not Required	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Patient	Post Admission	Total	-	3	1	1	-	1	-	-	1	2	-	-	-	1	10
Patient	Total		22	32	29	19	30	32	26	28	30	41	39	31	33	14	406

MCH			Jul (14)	Aug (14)	Sep (14)	Oct (14)	Nov (14)	Dec (14)	Jan (15)	Feb (15)	Mar (15)	Apr (15)	May (15)	Jun (15)	Jul (15)	Aug (15)	Total
Hospital	Pre Admission	Surgeon - Unavailable	13	7	3	-	6	2	3	1	6	8	21	4	-	-	74
Hospital	Pre Admission	More Urgent Elective Case	3	3	9	7	4	7	4	4	9	3	6	3	4	1	67
Hospital	Pre Admission	Anaesthetist - Unavailable	5	-	5	-	-	-	-	3	3	-	-	2	2	7	27
Hospital	Pre Admission	Theatre - List Overbooked	-	-	3	-	-	1	-	3	1	1	2	-	1	-	12
Hospital	Pre Admission	Surgeon Postponed	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	5	-	-	-	8
Hospital	Pre Admission	Incomplete Patient Preparation	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	2	1	-	-	6
Hospital	Pre Admission	Over-Riding Emergency	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	4
Hospital	Pre Admission	No beds	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Hospital	Pre Admission	Theatre - Equipment Unavailable	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Hospital	Pre Admission	Total	23	13	20	8	11	10	8	13	19	12	36	10	11	8	202
Hospital	Post Admission	Patient Admitted - Treatment Deferred	5	1	2	4	5	-	2	9	2	4	1	4	7	1	47
Hospital	Post Admission	Theatre - Equipment Unavailable	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Hospital	Post Admission	More Urgent Elective Case	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Hospital	Post Admission	Surgeon - Unavailable	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
Hospital	Post Admission	Surgeon Postponed	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
Hospital	Post Admission	Theatre - List Overbooked	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Hospital	Post Admission	Theatre - Ran out of operation time	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
Hospital	Post Admission	Total	5	1	4	4	5	-	2	12	2	6	2	4	7	1	55
Hospital	Hospital Total		28	14	24	12	16	10	10	25	21	18	38	14	18	9	257
Patient	Pre Admission	Patient - Convenience	16	7	13	17	9	8	17	13	8	8	14	18	19	-	167
Patient	Pre Admission	Patient - Medical Condition	6	11	15	10	9	9	8	9	12	7	18	14	17	4	149
Patient	Pre Admission	Operation Not Required	4	2	3	2	1	6	6	3	5	4	1	5	2	1	45
Patient	Pre Admission	Patient non compliant	-	-	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Patient	Pre Admission	Total	26	20	32	29	20	24	31	25	25	19	33	37	38	5	364
Patient	Post Admission	Patient - Medical Condition	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-R38	-	2	-	5
Patient	Post Admission	Operation Not Required	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Patient	Post Admission	Total	2	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	2	-	7
Patient	Patient p/p Total		28	21	32	29	21	24	31	25	26	19	33	37	40	5	371