

Human Resources: Industrial Action Proactive Release : 28 March 2019

22<sup>nd</sup> February 2019



## Official Information Act (1982) Request

I write in response to your Official Information Act request dated 26<sup>th</sup> January 2019. You requested the following information:

The number of scheduled inpatient and outpatient appointments and operations postponed, or cancelled during the 48-hour period between 7am January 15 and 7am January 17, during the first NZRDA RMO strike.

Please specify the number of:	Responses
Scheduled inpatient/outpatient     appointments which were postponed	562
<ul> <li>Scheduled inpatient/outpatient appointments which were cancelled</li> </ul>	0
Operations which were postponed	70
Operations which were cancelled	0
<ul> <li>Any other consultations or activities involving patients which needed to be postponed or cancelled.</li> </ul>	82 procedures postponed

These numbers only relate to the NZRDA RMO strike for the 48-hour period between 7am January 15 2019 and 7am January 17 2019.

During any period of industrial action, our focus continues to be that of ensuring the safety of patients and staff. Contingency planning will occur to ensure any essential clinical activities is able to continue. Appointments and operations that are cancelled are rescheduled as soon as possible.

I trust this information satisfactorily answers your query. If you are not satisfied with this response you are entitled to seek a review of the response by the Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act.

Please note that this response or an edited version of this may be published on the Counties Manukau DHB website.

Yours sincerely,

Fepulea'i Margie Apa Chief Executive