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Thank you for your request received on 25 June 2019 requesting information under the Official Information Act 1982, regarding cancer treatment wait times. You requested:

1. *“Have any people been harmed as a result of oncology and / or radiation wait times? If so, how many?”*
2. *“Are there any reports that indicate and / or detail harm to patients as a result of oncology service wait times or radiation wait times? Can you supply those report(s)?”*
3. *“Have any reports been provided indicating patients are being compromised by wait times to access first treatment of first specialist appointment? Can you supply those reports?”*
4. *“Have any of your staff raised concerns about the adverse effects on patients due to waiting times?”*

The information pertaining to your request is below.

Question 1

“Have any people been harmed as a result of oncology and / or radiation wait times? If so, how many?”

Hutt Valley District Health Board (HVDHB) provide diagnostic services, however, we do not provide oncology or radiation services. We refer patients to Capital and Coast District Health Board for oncology and radiation services. We do not have information relating to potential harm caused as a result of delays in treatment.

Question 2

“Are there any reports that indicate and / or detail harm to patients as a result of oncology service wait times or radiation wait times? Can you supply those report(s)?”

HVDHB do not have reports indicating and/or detailing harm caused as a result of delays in oncology service wait times or radiation treatment wait times, as oncology and radiation services are provided to the Hutt Valley population by Capital and Coast District Health Board.

Question 3

“Have any reports been provided indicating patients are being compromised by wait times to access first treatment of first specialist appointment? Can you supply those reports?”

HVDHB do not have reports indicating and/or detailing patients being compromised as a result of delays in access to first treatment of first specialist appointment.

Question 4

“Have any of your staff raised concerns about the adverse effects on patients due to waiting times?”

HVDHB staff have not reported concerns about the adverse effects on patients related to waiting times in oncology and/or radiation services.