

Elective Surgery

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Memorandum:

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Subject: Elective Surgery

The Grey Power Health NAG and the Advocacy Standing Committee Chairs have recently received complaints from some members that they were expecting to receive elective surgery but had either been removed from the hospital waiting list or had not even been put on the list.

If Grey Power is to advocate on your behalf on this issue we require some information from members please.

A. If you are or have been affected by removal from a waiting list or have not reached the criteria for the waiting list we would really appreciate it if you would answer the following questions:

1. Have you been removed from a waiting list in the last 12 months? If so who removed you?
2. Were you removed from the waiting list against your wishes?
3. Have you been told your symptoms are not severe enough for you to be placed on a waiting list?
4. Have you been referred to a specialist but have been refused an appointment and referred back to your doctor?
5. How does lack of surgery impact on your life day-to-day life?

(For example how does pain affect you? What can't you do that you used to do?)

Do you have any other experiences of elective surgery waiting lists which you would like to relate?

B. If you are personally unaffected by the elective surgery waiting list issue but would like to give us your thoughts on the matter please feel free to do so.

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