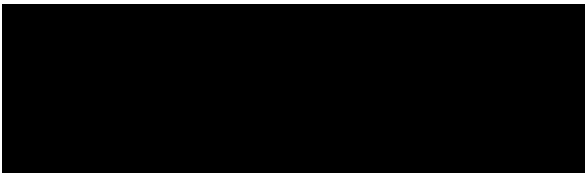


30 March 2022



Dear 

Re: OIA request – Use of medical centre vouchers for ED patients – monthly figures

Thank you for your Official Information Act request received 15 March 2022 seeking further information from Waitematā District Health Board (DHB) about the use of medical centre vouchers for emergency department (ED) patients.

We had previously provided a response to you which contained data showing the cost of using medical vouchers in our emergency departments for the past two financial years. You subsequently requested:

Monthly figures for this financial year yet so we have recent figures.

In response to your request, I have updated the table to reflect this financial year's figures

The combined total cost of these two agreements by month for the past two and half financial years (1 July 2019 to 28 February 2022):

2019/2020											
Jul-19	Aug-19	Sep-19	Oct-19	Nov-19	Dec-19	Jan-20	Feb-20	Mar-20	Apr-20	May-20	Jun-20
\$76,595	\$76,697	\$75,792	\$77,603	\$75,792	\$78,713	\$79,619	\$75,894	\$76,697	\$78,713	\$76,799	\$76,697
2020/2021											
Jul-20	Aug-20	Sep-20	Oct-20	Nov-20	Dec-20	Jan-21	Feb-21	Mar-21	Apr-21	May-21	Jun-21*
\$77,135	\$77,135	\$77,135	\$79,573	\$79,043	\$87,234	\$87,629	\$79,573	\$81,269	\$86,463	\$85,191	\$93,165
2021/2022											
Jul-21	Aug-21	Sep-21	Oct-21	Nov-21	Dec-21	Jan-22	Feb-22				
\$97,686	\$78,288	\$77,970	\$77,970	\$79,043	\$83,270	\$86,026	\$77,970				

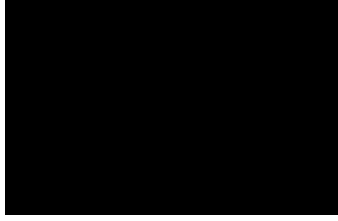
*During the 2021 winter months, there were higher-than-usual presentations at all metro Auckland DHBs' EDs, including North Shore and Waitakere hospitals. This was, in part, due to an increase in Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV)-type conditions.

I trust that this information is helpful.

Waitematā DHB supports the open disclosure of information to assist community understanding of how we are delivering publicly funded healthcare. This includes the proactive publication of anonymised Official Information Act responses on our website from 10 working days after they have been released.

If you consider there are good reasons why this response should not be made publicly available, we will be happy to consider your views.

Yours sincerely



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