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Dear

**Re: Official Information Act request**

Thank you for your Official Information Act request received 26 September 2018 in which you requested the following information from Waitemata District Health Board (DHB):

- 1. Total value (\$) of the budget spent on Hospital Medicines for each of the 2015/16 and 2017/18 financial years and specify if each value provided excludes or includes rebates or PCT costs.*

In response to your request we are able to provide the following information which is presented in the format recommended by PHARMAC.

The total Waitemata DHB expenditure on items listed in Section H of the Pharmaceutical Schedule in the 2015/16, 2016/17 and 2017/18 financial years was as follows:

2015/2016	\$9,421,322
2016/2017	\$10,397,285
2017/2018	\$10,631,139

We note that these amounts are net of rebates and exclude PCTs and all other medicines for which reimbursement is claimed via the CPB, as well as items listed in the Addendum for Hospital Medical Devices.

Please also note that we have included the 2016/17 figures as well, as the figures provided initially were not net of rebates.

I trust that this information meets your requirements. Waitemata DHB, like other agencies across the state sector, supports the open disclosure of information to assist the public's 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.

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

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Cath Cronin', with a large, stylized 'C' at the beginning.

**Cath Cronin**  
**Director Hospital Services**  
**Waitemata District Health Board**