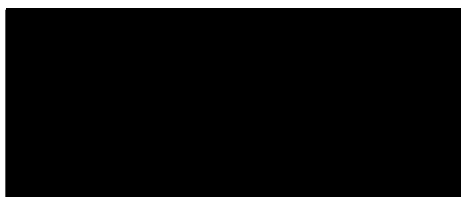


16 November 2018



Dear 

Re: Official Information Act request concerning residential and home-based care for older New Zealanders

Thank you for your Official Information Act request dated 31 October 2018, in which you requested the following information for the financial years ending 30 June 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018:

- the total amounts paid by the DHB on facility-based care at rest home level of need, at hospital level of need, and at dementia/secure unit level of need
- the total amounts paid by the DHB on home-based care for people over 65 years-old
- the average number of people being supported in full, or in part, by the DHB in facility-based care at rest home level of need, at hospital level of need, and at dementia/secure unit level of need
- the average number of people being supported in full, or in part, by the DHB with home-based care for people aged over 65 years-old.

Table 1 below provides the information requested on aged residential care for Waitemata DHB.

	2013/14		2014/15		2015/16		2016/17		2017/18	
	Avg no. residents	Total payments*	Avg no. residents	Total payments*	Avg no. residents	Total payments*	Avg no. residents	Total payments*	Avg no. residents	Total payments*
Rest home	748	20,043,671	742	20,936,137	729	20,956,249	688	19,884,351	693	23,031,057
Dementia	257	8,212,531	300	9,405,188	326	10,177,014	344	10,747,843	378	12,729,466
Hospital	1,223	54,235,313	1,251	54,605,615	1,307	56,848,339	1,371	59,027,697	1,437	67,618,071

*Payments excluding GST

Table 2 below provides the information requested on home-based care for Waitemata DHB

	2013/14		2014/15		2015/16		2016/17		2017/18	
	Avg no. clients	Total payments*	Avg no. clients	Total payments*	Avg no. clients	Total payments*	Avg no. clients	Total payments*	Avg no. clients	Total payments*
	5,335	26,101,444	5,664	27,274,135	5,633	27,047,930	5,553	28,334,744	5,532	30,292,977

*Payments excluding GST

Total DHB payments for HCSS exclude the following funding:

- In-between Travel; implemented 29 February 2016. Fair Travel funding was removed from the DHB budget during 2016/17 and combined with additional funding to form the funding pool for In-between Travel
- guaranteed hours; implemented 1 April 2017
- pay equity; implemented 1 July 2017.

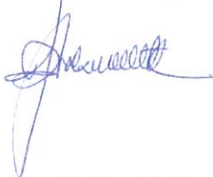
HCSS providers claimed separately from the Ministry of Health for these areas of funding so they are not included in the DHB total payments detailed in Table 2.

I trust 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.

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

Yours sincerely



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