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Dear [REDACTED]

Re: OIA request – Cost of paging systems

Thank you for your Official Information Act request received 29 May seeking information about the total cost of paging systems from Waitematā District Health Board (DHB).

Before responding to your specific questions, it may be useful to provide some context about our services.

Waitematā DHB serves a population of more than 630,000 across the North Shore, Waitakere and Rodney areas, the largest and one of the most rapidly growing DHBs in the country. We are the largest employer in the district, employing around 7,500 people across more than 80 locations.

In addition to providing services to our own population, we are also the metropolitan Auckland provider of forensic psychiatry, child disability services, child community dental services and community alcohol and drug services.

You requested the following information:

Could you please provide...the total cost of running the paging systems used in hospitals, i.e. cost of equipment, maintenance, paging volume charges and support costs.

The approximate total cost of running the paging systems used by Waitematā DHB for the period from July 2019 to April 2020, including cost of equipment, maintenance, paging volume charges and support costs, is between \$130,000 to \$160,000. There is no depreciation cost.

Waitematā DHB has chosen to withhold the exact figure as it is commercially sensitive. Withholding of commercially sensitive information is permitted under Section 9 (2) (i) of the Official Information Act 1982. You are entitled to complain to the Ombudsman if you are not satisfied with this response. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R Paine', written in a cursive style.

Robert Paine
Chief Financial Officer and Head of Corporate Services
Waitematā District Health Board