

20 May 2021



Dear 

Re: OIA request – ICU costs for non-eligible patients

Thank you for your Official Information Act request transferred from the Ministry of Health on 12 May 2021 seeking information from Waitematā District Health Board (DHB) about ICU costs for non-eligible patients.

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

Waitematā is the largest and one of the most rapidly growing DHBs in the country, serving a population of around 650,000 across the North Shore, Waitakere and Rodney areas. We are the largest employer in the district, employing around 8,600 people across more than 80 locations.

In addition to providing care to our own resident population, we are the Northern Region provider of forensic mental health services and child rehabilitation services, plus the metro Auckland provider of child community dental services and community alcohol and drug services.

In response to your request, we are able to provide the following information:

1. A summary of the costs of hospital intensive care services provided to those not entitled to NZ free health care
2. The cost summary should include reference to the number of days or hours in intensive care.
3. Can this please cover the last three years?

Table 1: Patients not eligible for funded healthcare who were treated in Intensive Care (ICU) July 2018 to March 2021

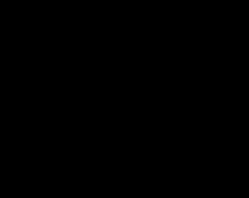
Financial years (1 July – 30 June)	Number of non-eligible patients	ICU hours	ICU cost (\$)
2018/19	11	913	252,087
2019/20	10	370	118,354
2020/21 (year to date to 31 March 2021)	8	1147	370,989

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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