



5 August 2019



Dear 

Re: Official Information Act request – cost of weight loss surgery performed

Thank you for your Official Information Act request received on 16 July 2019 requesting:

The number of bariatric surgeries (gastric banding, laparoscopic sleeve gastrectomy and gastric bypass surgery) done by the DHB each year, for the calendar years of 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018 and to July 1, 2019.

The total cost to the DHB in providing these procedures each year, for the calendar years of 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018 and to July 1, 2019.

The amount of funding the DHB receives from the Ministry of Health to perform these procedures, broken down by year, for the calendar years of 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018 and to July 1, 2019

Waitematā DHB performs bariatric surgeries for people who are residents within our own district and also for some patients who live outside our catchment area.

The data provided in this response represents surgeries performed on patients who are Waitematā DHB residents only. Data on bariatric surgeries performed by Waitematā DHB on patients from other districts has been provided to their local DHB.

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

Bariatric surgery	MoH initiative revenue		WDHB funder revenue	
	Volume	Total MoH revenue	Volume	Total WDHB Funder revenue
2014/15	0	\$ -	78	\$ 890,878
2015/16	15	\$ 297,488	60	\$ 560,409
2016/17	14	\$ 273,228	89	\$ 915,914
2017/18	14	\$ 244,992	85	\$ 799,529
2018/19	0	\$ -	117	\$ 1,280,585

I trust that this information meets your requirements. Waitematā 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 happy to consider this.

Yours sincerely

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

Cath Cronin
Director Hospital Services
Waitematā District Health Board