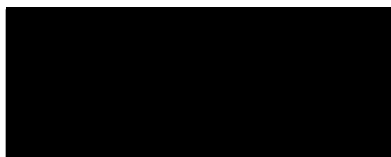


16 March 2020



Dear 

Re: OIA request – Costs related to the White Island incident

Thank you for your Official Information Act request received 25 February 2020 seeking information about costs related to the White Island incident from Waitematā District Health Board (DHB).

You requested the following information:

The direct costs to the DHB relating to the Whakaari/White Island incident broken down by total figure; a breakdown of where the costs were lost from, (including but not exclusive to: cancelling elective surgeries, having to reschedule outpatient appointments, equipment needed, additional staffing hours).

It is important to note that Waitematā DHB patients who had their elective surgeries rescheduled were clinically assessed as being non-urgent and clinically appropriate to defer, in order to accommodate a regional approach to providing support during this time. As patient safety is always our prime concern, a business-as-usual approach was maintained in relation to all urgent elective surgeries.

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

Impact on orthopaedics		
Activity	Cost	Note
19 neck of femur fracture cases requiring surgery*	\$285,898.82	No additional staffing or equipment required
13 hand cases requiring surgery*	\$125,303.05	Inclusive of three additional operating theatre lists
Total of 15 elective cases rescheduled	Nil	

*Counties Manukau patients.

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 blue ink, appearing to read 'Debbie Holdsworth', written in a cursive style.

Dr Debbie Holdsworth
Acting Director Hospital Services
Waitematā District Health Board