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Re: Official Information Act request - Holter monitoring services

I refer to your Official Information Act request dated 5 December 2019 to the MoH and transferred by the MoH to Auckland DHB on 19 December 2019 requesting the following information.

I am interested in the number of total tests nationwide and total cost of Holter monitoring type services for atrial fibrillation (AF) and other heart conditions for the latest year available?

RESPONSE

The number of Holter monitors fitted and analysed at Auckland DHB for the period June 2018 to June 2019 was 2523.

Data on the reason for referral is not available. However, based on analysis of 1 month's data, we have estimated for the June 2018 – June 2019 period, that ~ 24% of procedures were for AF.

The average cost is \$200 per procedure.

You are entitled to seek a review of the response by the Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that this response, or an edited version of this response, may be published on the Auckland DHB website.

Yours faithfully



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Chief Executive