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**Re: Official Information Act request – Commissioning of pharmacy services DHB spending**

I refer to your Official Information Act request dated 22 October 2019 requesting the following information.

I have some questions about a report that TAS released yesterday which shows the level of local commissioning of pharmacy services each DHB is spending <https://tas.health.nz/assets/Community-pharmacy/20-DHB-Locally-commissioned-pharmacy-services-report-to-March-2019.pdf>

The report shows that between 1 October and 31 March, the Auckland DHB spent \$7,064,121 on Schedule 3B pharmacy services under the new ICPSA contract and \$69,106 on Schedule 3C services. The Auckland DHB was allocated \$391,181 in new funds to spend on local commissioning during 1 October 2018 to 30 September 2019.

My questions are:

- 1. How much of the \$391,181 allocated to the Auckland DHB was spent on schedule 3B and SC service between 1 October 2018 and 31 March 2019?**
  - 2. Has more of the \$391,181 been spent subsequently. If so, how much?**
  - 3. Are any of the services listed under Auckland DHB's expenditure on Schedule 3B and 3C new since 1 October 2018?**
- \$182,679 was spent on schedule 3B services between 1 October 2018 and 31 March 2019. The \$391,181 allocated to Auckland DHB was not spent on any 3C services during this period.
  - Yes, \$376,129 was spent from the allocated \$391,181 during 1 October 2018 and 30 September 2019. This represents a further expenditure of \$193,450. The actual spend may not be complete due to some services being demand driven and providers may not have submitted their invoice for the September service month.

3. No, Auckland DHB spent the allocation on existing services such as smoking cessation, workforce development (ie Safety in Practice programme) and LTC services.

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](http://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**