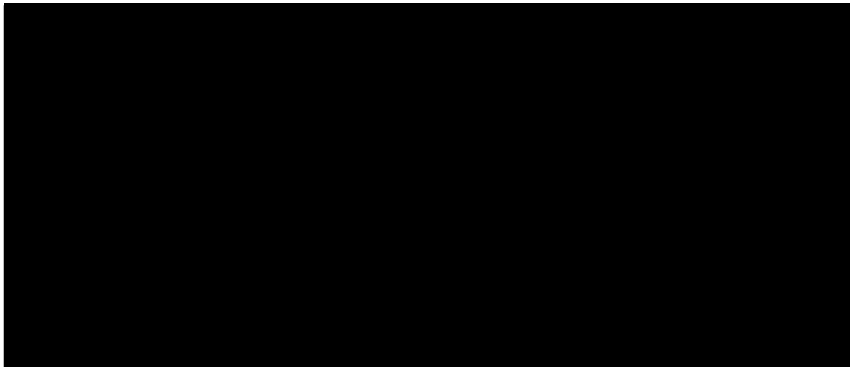


9 July 2019



**Re: Official Information Request – Cost of treating foreign patients**

I refer to your official information request dated 10 June 2019 requesting the following information:

“I would like to make a request under the Official Information Act regarding Auckland DHB's costs for treating foreigners.

I'm wanting to find out the total annual costs of treatment for people not eligible for publicly funded health services in New Zealand.”

**Can I please have costs for each of the past five financial years, and can you also tell me how much of those yearly costs have been written off as bad debt.**

**Amounts are GST inclusive**

<b>Total ADHB Non-Resident</b>	<b>2015-16</b>	<b>2016-17</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>2018-19</b>
Invoiced net of credits	10,442,101.81	14,056,956.32	14,591,736.97	16,127,317.05
Write off net of reversals*	2,385,027.81	3,180,065.98	4,969,953.82	3,814,336.62

We have provided the total yearly amount invoiced to ADHB Non-residents for the last four financial years as prior to 2015 while there were reports available they were not necessarily specific to ADHB Non-residents.

\*Write off net of reversals are the total amounts of bad debt written off during the year and may **not** necessarily relate to the total amount that was invoiced for ADHB non-residents for that particular year.

**For the past financial year only, I'd also like to know the cost of the most expensive treatment for a single patient not eligible for publicly funded health services in NZ - and what type of treatment it was.**

In the last financial year (July 2018 – June 2019) the most expensive treatment for a single patient was \$322,765.50 (GST exclusive). The treatment provided is however withheld under s9(2)(a) – to protect the privacy of natural persons, as provision of this detail could lead to identification of the patient.

I trust this information answers your questions.

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**