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Dear Alex

I write in response to your request dated 30 March 2012 requesting information on chaplaincy service costs.

Please note that MidCentral District Health Board (MDHB) does not employ chaplains therefore does not cover personnel or related expenses. The Inter Church Hospital Chaplaincy Association is the employer. MidCentral District Health Board provides for infrastructure costs only.

1. What is the annual cost of providing chaplaincy services at Palmerston North Hospital?

The annual costs are \$78k per annum. This covers phone, computer, cleaning, office consumables rental etc.

2. Are such services provided at other DHB facilities?

Yes a service is provided at Horowhenua Health Centre although there is minimal cover and a spiritual room rather than a chapel and offices.

3. What is the total cost across the entire DHB of providing such services?

The costs in question 1 are inclusive of all MDHB costs.

I trust this provides the information you require.

Yours sincerely

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