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Dear Ms Hands

**Re: Official Information Act**

I am responding on behalf of Taranaki District Health Board (TDHB) to your OIA request of 4 December 2013, requesting the following information:

- 1) *Procurement Policy for medical devices*
- 2) *Funding Policies for medical devices including when manufacturers will get paid (ie before surgery, upon receiving implant) with specific reference to custom devices*
- 3) *How many hip revision surgeries involving an acetabular component for each year for last 5 years 2012 in region? If not available just 2012.*
- 4) *How many patients received a re-revision surgeries in the past five years? (ie it was their second or third + revision surgery).*
- 4) *How much was spent on acetabular implants in revision surgeries over each year for last five years? If not available just 2012.*
- 5) *What is the average costs of running an operating theatre per hour (minus staffing costs)?*
- 6) *Total operating theatre costs for revision surgeries in 2012?*
- 7) *How long on average how long does a revision hip arthroplasty take?*
- 8) *How much was spent on rehabilitation after hip revision in 2012?*
- 9) *What is the cost of a day of rehabilitation for a hip surgery?*

Unfortunately the majority of the information you have requested is not captured either electronically or in this way, therefore a manual process would be required to collect this information. There would be a charge for this collection.

If you wish us to continue with the collection of the data, we will estimate a time period for completion, with associated hours and costs.

Please confirm to us in writing if you wish us to collect this data.

The answers to the above questions that TDHB can answer can be found below:

- 1) *Procurement Policy for medical devices*

This comes under National Procurement – Health Benefits Limited.

- 2) *Funding Policies for medical devices including when manufacturers will get paid (ie before surgery, upon receiving implant) with specific reference to custom devices*

Manufacturers are paid on invoice to the DHB.



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5) *What is the average costs of running an operating theatre per hour (minus staffing costs)?*  
We cannot answer this question as staffing costs are included in overheads.

7) *How long on average how long does a revision hip arthroplasty take?*  
Approximately 3 – 5 hours.

9) *What is the cost of a day of rehabilitation for a hip surgery?*  
The average day two cost of rehab for DRG-I31B – Hip Revision W/O Catastrophic CC is \$13,576.00.

I trust the above information answers your OIA request.

Yours sincerely



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