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Dear Miriama

Official Information Act (OIA) request – OIA Y21-1535

Thank you for your request for information dated 14 October 2021. Your request is acknowledged and has been passed onto me for a response.

You have requested MidCentral District Health Board (MDHB) provide you with information to the following questions:

1. Which PET CT suppliers do you use for your PET CT referrals?

MDHB uses Pacific Radiology for PET scans.

2. How are the tenders for these referrals accessed and when are they put out to tender?

MDHB uses the MBIE Government Procurement Rules and process for tendering for services. This is a regional contract that is being administered by TAS.

3. Are any of your PET CT referrals currently under contract with your suppliers and if so when are the contracts up for renewal?

The current supply contract is in the process of being renewed by TAS and will be through to 30 June 2022.

4. Are there any extra costs to the DHB for providing PET CT scans to patients, eg travel costs, accommodation?

In addition to the scan, there may be costs to the DHB for travel and accommodation for PET scanning. Typically, the National Travel Assistance guidelines are applied to these patients. Please note that this response, or an edited version may be published on the MDHB website ten working days after your receipt of this letter. Please let me know if you have any objections to this as soon as possible.

I hope this information is what you require.

Yours sincerely

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