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Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) – Joint 2DHB Response – OIA2022061501

Thank you for your official information request regarding outsourced procedures and elective surgery, which was received by Hutt Valley (Hutt Valley DHB) and Capital & Coast (CCDHB) District Health Boards on 15 June 2022. You requested the following information:

1. *The total number of procedures outsourced by year (including the year to date) for the past five years.*
2. *For each year, provide a breakdown of the type of procedure.*
3. *For each year, provide the total spend on outsourced elective surgeries.*
4. *For each year, provide the amount that these surgeries would have cost the DHBs if they had not been outsourced.*

Due to our two DHBs sharing information, staff, many services, and a single Chief Executive, you are receiving a joint Hutt Valley and Capital & Coast DHB (2DHB) response. Please be assured that separate data sets will apply to each DHB in this joint response.

In line with standard OIA practice, we have chosen to withhold some data as it related to a sample size of less than 6 and it is necessary to protect the privacy of the individuals concerned – see section 9(2)(a) of the Official Information Act. We do not believe there to be countervailing public interest considerations under section 9(1) for disclosure to outweigh the privacy interests of these people. To best provide you with the information you have requested, subset numbers unrelated to a withheld value have been disclosed, as opposed to just providing you with total or subtotal figures alone.

Our joint 2DHB response to your request is outlined below.

CCDHB Response

1. *The total number of procedures outsourced by year (including the year to date) for the past five years.*
2. *For each year, provide a breakdown of the type of procedure.*

The number of publicly funded elective discharges outsourced to private provider(s) is summarised in the table below by calendar year and specialty. Please note calendar year 2022 represents the four month period (January 2022 to April 2022).

Table One: CCDHB Elective discharges outsourced to private providers: 2017 - 2022

Specialty	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Cardiology			48	12		
General Surgery	52	65	67	106	131	13
Cardiothoracic Surgery	113	81	89	90	76	32
Otorhinolaryngology (ENT)	92	63	43	<6	<6	
Gynaecology	81	185	171	135	215	26
Neurosurgery	<6	<6			11	<6
Ophthalmology	495	601	465	372	440	81
Orthopaedic Surgery	320	406	472	309	401	38
Specialist Paediatric Surgery [Others]				8	14	
Urology	116	125	166	209	158	23
Vascular Surgery	34	48	38	145	58	

3. For each year, provide the total spend on outsourced elective surgeries.

The table below summarises the cost of those publicly funded elective discharges outsourced to private provider(s) by calendar year and specialty. Please note calendar year 2022 represents the four month period (January 2022 to April 2022).

Table Two: CCDHB Total spend on outsourced elective surgeries: 2017 - 2022

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Total	\$11,458,117	\$11,403,558	\$12,778,614	\$12,946,326	\$15,547,938	\$4,221,286

4. For each year, provide the amount that these surgeries would have cost the DHBs if they had not been outsourced

The table below summarises the national price of those publicly funded elective discharges outsourced to private provider(s) by calendar year and specialty. Please note calendar year 2022 represents the four month period (January 2022 to April 2022).

Table Three: CCDHB Price of elective discharges outsourced to private providers: 2017 - 2022

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Total	\$11,945,080	\$12,288,797	\$13,793,549	\$13,542,732	\$15,503,779	\$3,295,130

HVDHB Response

- 1. The total number of procedures outsourced by year (including the year to date) for the past five years.*
- 2. For each year, provide a breakdown of the type of procedure.*

The number of publicly funded elective discharges outsourced to private provider(s) is summarised in the table below by calendar year and specialty. Please note calendar year 2022 represents the four month period (January 2022 to April 2022).

Table Four: HVDHB Elective discharges outsourced to private providers: 2017 - 2022

Specialty	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
General Surgery	27			57	38	<6
Maxillo Facial	8			<6		
ENT	7					
Gynaecology	48			19		
Ophthalmology (Eye)	47	128	190	82	38	
Orthopaedic	39	<6		9	156	20
Plastic Surgery	55	31	31	105	21	12

- 3. For each year, provide the total spend on outsourced elective surgeries.*

The table below summarises the cost of those publicly funded elective discharges outsourced to private provider(s) by calendar year and specialty. Please note calendar year 2022 represents the four month period (January 2022 to April 2022).

Table Five: HVDHB Total spend on outsourced elective surgeries: 2017 – 2022

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Total	\$1,325,202	\$1,086,004	\$695,437	\$1,313,460	\$1,690,574	\$394,041

4. For each year, provide the amount that these surgeries would have cost the DHBs if they had not been outsourced

The table below summarises the national price of those publicly funded elective discharges outsourced to private provider(s) by calendar year and specialty. Please note calendar year 2022 represents the four month period (January 2022 to April 2022).

Table Six: CCDHB Price of elective discharges outsourced to private providers: 2017 - 2022

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Total	\$1,497,447	\$636,133	\$686,551	\$1,115,168	\$1,952,702	\$396,305

I trust this information fulfils your request. You have the right, under section 28 of the OIA, to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or you can free phone 0800 802 602.

Nāku ite noa, nā



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