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By email: fyi-request-19607-52a6afd1@requests.fyi.org.nz

Tēnā koe Emma,

Your Official Information Act request, reference:

Thank you for your email of 15 June 2022, asking for the following which has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

I would like to request the following information for each of the DHBs in New Zealand, split by DHB.

1. The total number of procedures outsourced by year (including the year to date) for the past five years.

Te Whatu Ora - Health NZ South Canterbury Response: Please refer to Appendix A.

2. For each year, provide a breakdown of the type of procedure.

Te Whatu Ora - Health NZ South Canterbury Response: Please refer to Appendix A.

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

Te Whatu Ora - Health NZ South Canterbury Response: Please refer to Appendix B.

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

Te Whatu Ora - Health NZ South Canterbury Response: Te Whatu Ora- Health New Zealand South Canterbury does not hold this information; therefore, we are unable to provide this it under section 18(e) of the Official information Act.

How to get in contact

If you have any questions, you can contact us at oia@scdhb.health.nz.

If you are not happy with this response, you have the right to make a complaint to the Ombudsman. Information about how to do this is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or by phoning 0800 802 602.

As this information may be of interest to other members of the public, Health NZ has decided to proactively release a copy of this response on Health NZ's website. All requester data, including your name and contact details, will be removed prior to release. The released response will be made available here.

Nāku iti noa, nā

Sandra Low

Tautoko o Kaiwhakahaere | Executive Assistant
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Appendix A:

Outsourced Inpatient Procedures by Year and Specialty

South Canterbury District Health Board - Provider Arm

Financial Year	Ophthalmology	Orthopaedics	General Surgery	Otorhinolaryngology	Dental	Gynaecology	Total
2017/18		8					8
2018/19		46		21			67
2019/20		57	1			3	61
2020/21		129		8	9		146
2021/22	18	88	24				130
Total	18	328	25	29	9	3	412

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Appendix B:

Calendar Year	Outsourced Surgery Spend (exc GST)
2017	-\$82,750.00
2018	-\$184,648.10
2019	-\$676,127.76
2020	-\$910,792.63
2021	-\$1,076,292.23
2022	-\$806,113.24
Grand Total	-\$3,736,723.96

Note that:

- In 2020-21, \$156,700 relates to Orthopaedic outsourcing on behalf of Southern DHB
- in 2021-22, \$956,086 relates to Orthopaedic outsourcing on behalf of Southern DHB.