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Dear Emma

Re: Official Information Act request – Outsourced Elective Surgery Data - (ADHB Ref: 20220615-1243)

I refer to your Official Information Act (OIA) request dated 15 June 2022 requesting the following information:

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.**
- 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.**

Response

The following information covers both the adult and child health services at Te Toka Tumai Auckland.

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

	FY2017-18	FY2018-19	FY2019-20	FY2020-21	YTD FY2021-22
Total number of Procedures	1,316	1,984	1,772	2,801	1,843

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

Procedure	FY2017-18	FY2018-19	FY2019-20	FY2020-21	FY2021-22
Appendectomy	0	0	0	0	3
Hernia Procedures	0	0	0	0	2
Laparoscopic Cholecystectomy	0	0	0	0	1
Procedures for Malignant Breast Disorders	0	0	0	0	4
Lower Limb Procedure W/O Ulcer/Cellulitis	0	0	0	0	3
Other Skin, Subcutaneous Tissue and Breast Procedures	0	0	0	0	2

Dental Extractions and Restorations	0	0	0	303	85
Sleep Study (PSG)	0	0	24	23	12
Paediatric Ear Nose and Throat	0	0	0	0	14
Paediatric Orthopaedics	0	0	0	0	4
Paediatric Gastroenterology	0	0	0	0	14
Insertion of Neurostimulator Device	0	0	0	0	3
Other Back and Neck Procedures	0	0	0	0	1
Cranial Procs W/O Cerebral Haem	0	0	0	0	8
Cranial or Peripheral Nerve	0	0	0	0	2
Other Musculoskeletal Procedures	0	0	0	0	1
Pituitary Procedures	0	0	0	0	11
Retinal Procedures	24	24	8	4	10
Cataract Surgery	948	1549	1344	2023	1378
Parathyroid Procedures	0	0	0	0	2
Spinal Procedures	28	27	10	19	24
Carpal Tunnel Release	7	5	17	12	5
Hip Replacement	129	130	124	146	76
Knee Replacement	108	132	149	157	78
Other Orthopaedic Procedures	72	117	96	114	78
Urology Procedures	0	0	0	0	22
Total	1316	1984	1772	2801	1843

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

	FY2017-18	FY2018-19	FY2019-20	FY2020-21	FY2021-22
Total spend	\$7,179,043	\$10,597,950	\$9,372,917	\$13,797,964	\$8,351,489

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

It is not possible to create the information to answer this question. Given these variabilities and the number of surgical procedures involved we are declining to retrospectively create assumptive comparative prices.

We are therefore refusing your request under section 18(g) of the Official Information Act because the information is not held.

I trust you find this information useful. If you have any questions, you can contact us at ويا@adhb.govt.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.

Nāku iti noa, nā



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