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Dear Rosemary

**Subject: Official Information Request Re: hollow bore needles**

Thank you for your request for information under the Official Information Act transferred to Lakes DHB from the Ministry of Health on 26 May 2015. Please see answers to your questions below.

1. How much money is spent annually on the purchase of hollow bore needles for use in the NZ public health care system and who is the provider of these supplies?

**Lakes DHB spends approximately \$1500 a year on hollow bore needles. The supplier is Becton Dickinson.**

2. What are the numbers and types of hollow bore needles purchased annually for use in public health?

**Approximately 100 boxes a year containing 100 needles. The types of needles can be found using the following codes on the supplier website.**

BD301801  
BD301805  
BD301807  
BD301808  
BD301828  
BD302002  
BD302006  
BD302013  
BD302015  
BD302017  
BD302023  
BD302025  
BD302032

3. How many public health care workers who have experienced a needle stick injury while in the workplace, test positive for hepatitis B virus (HBV) hepatitis c virus (HCV) and or the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) annually?

**This question was transferred by the Ministry of Health to the Accident Compensation Corporation (ACC).**

4. Does the Ministry have any plans and or policies in place to reduce instances of needle stick injuries in the public health care system?

**Lakes DHB has policies and plans to ensure hazards in the workplace are identified and the risk eliminated or managed.**

Yours sincerely



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