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Dear Rosemary

Re: Official Information Act request – hollow-bore needles

Thank you for your Official Information Act request received 26 May in which you sought information from Waitemata District Health Board (DHB) on the use of hollow-bore needles.

Please see our responses below:

1. *How much money is spent annually on the purchase of hollow-bore needles for us in the NZ Public Health System and who is the provider of these supplies?*
2. *What are the numbers and types of (hollow-bore) needles purchased annually for use in public health?*

Please note that our procurement organisation, healthAlliance, is coordinating a regional response to these questions, which you will receive directly from them.

3. *How many public health care workers, who have experienced a needle stick injury while in the workplace, test positive for Heaptitis B Virus (HBV), Hepatitis C Virus (HCV), and/or the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) annually?*

The Ministry of Health has advised DHBs that Accident Compensation Corporation (ACC) will be responding to this part of your request.

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

Waitemata DHB currently has a review underway on our Blood and Body Fluid Accidents due to complete at the end of June. The purpose of the review is to see where we can reduce preventable accidents.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dale Bramley', written over a white background.

Dr Dale Bramley
Chief Executive Officer
Waitemata District Health Board