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Rosemary Lynch

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Dear Ms Lynch

In response to your email transferred from the Ministry of Health on 26 May 2015, requesting information under the Official Information Act 1982, regarding medical supplies at Hutt Valley District Health Board.

Request and responses:

1. *How much money is spent annually on the purchase of hollow-bore needles for use in the New Zealand public health care system?*

Hutt Valley DHB annual spend was \$155,119.00, with main suppliers being: Becton Dickson, Device Technologies, Smiths Medical, Culpan, Healthcare Logistics, Jackson Allison, Surgico Medical, Henry Schein Regional, Technisonic Systems, and Intermed Medical.

2. *What are the numbers and types of (hollow-bore) needles purchased annually for use in the public healthcare system?*

Type of hallow-bore needles	Number
Blunt Fill	193,998
Hypo	103,022
Biopsy	469
Nexiva	1,380
Spinal	1,716
Blood transfer	5,118
Sample Vacutainer	8,352
Other	167
Total	314,222

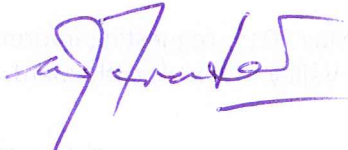
3. *How many public health care workers, who have experienced a needle stick injury while in the workplace, test positive for Hepatitis B Virus, Hepatitis C Virus, and/or the Human Immunodeficiency Virus annually?*

There have been no needle stick injuries at Hutt Valley DHB where anyone has contracted the above viruses.

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

Hutt Valley District Health Board has a Blood/Body Substance and Body Fluid Exposure Policy. There are also guidelines and processes regarding the reporting and management of all needle stick injuries.

Yours sincerely



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