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Dear Mr Body

Official Information Act Request

Thank you for your request of 14 October 2016 asking for the following information under the Official Information Act 1982:

I would be grateful if you would please provide me with the following information for each of the last 3 years, ending 30 June 2016.

1. *The number of spinal fusion procedures (lumbar and cervical) funded by ACC and performed by DHB's; and*
2. *The number of spinal fusion procedures (lumbar and cervical) funded by ACC and performed by private hospitals.*

The following data has been produced by a search of all treatment item code descriptions containing "lumbar" or "cervical" and "fusion" or "fusi". The data has also been filtered by the vendor type public hospitals or private hospitals and centres.

1. The number of spinal fusion procedures funded by ACC and performed by public hospitals (DHB)

Service Item Codes	Financial Year		
	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16
Lumbar spinal fusion procedures	15	11	8
Cervical spinal fusion procedures	6	7	10
Total number of fusion procedures	21	18	18

2. The number of spinal fusion procedures funded by ACC and performed by private hospitals and centres

Service Item Codes	Financial Year		
	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16
Lumbar spinal fusion procedures	464	463	528
Cervical spinal fusion procedures	192	202	236
Total number of fusion procedures	656	665	764

Please note:

- The tables show the procedures paid for as at 31 October 2016. If run at a later date, the figures may change as more claims are paid.
- A financial year is 1 July to 30 June.

- The financial year in which the service was paid may differ from the financial year in which the service was provided.
- The data does not include any procedures provided through the Accredited Employer Programme.

Comments and queries

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Yours sincerely

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