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H Hutchinson

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Dear H Hutchinson

Re Official Information Act Request – List of DHB funded services subject to efficiency gains

I refer to your Official Information Act request dated 20 December 2016 requesting the following information:

In terms of Auckland DHB for each financial year from 2011 to 2016:

- 1. Please provide a list of all DHB funded services and/or contracted services who have been subject to "efficiency gains" from 2011 to 2016.**

Auckland DHB services are primarily bulk funded by the Ministry of Health under the Crown Funding Agreement, with specific services purchased on a price volume basis and reflecting projected demand profile for the services. There are over 1,400 purchase unit lines in the Price Volume Schedule of the Crown Funding Agreement.

Savings initiatives are developed across all of Auckland DHB. The related process changes may impact various services within a service directorate or those across a number of directorates. The number and intricate interconnectedness of services delivered by the DHB mean it is not possible to directly allocate savings realised to specific services.

- 2. What is the monetary value to the "efficiency gains" subjected to each service listed in Question 1?**

The savings realised (as advised by the Ministry of Health) apply to the bulk funded services as noted above and it is not possible to allocate the savings to specific services.

- 3. Despite the definition of "efficiency gains" referring only to services 'continued to be delivered', what previously DHB funded services/contracted services have been stopped and not been refunded from one financial year to the next?**

There are no services that have been specifically stopped in order to deliver the savings program. DHB services delivered reflect the dynamic nature of demand for the services and DHB capacity to deliver the services.

4. Please provide any and all social impact assessments completed in the decision making process around the “efficiency gains” referred to in the previous Questions 1-3.

Auckland DHB savings to date have primarily related to process improvements/enhancements, waste reduction and revenue initiatives. As such, main considerations for savings assessment include risk analysis, affordability and achievability of savings. As there have been no service reductions required to achieve savings, no significant social impact considerations have been required. The aim to date of savings has been to provide the same level of service or more services in a financially and clinically sustainable manner.

Yours faithfully

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Ailsa Claire, OBE
Chief Executive