

Corporate Services



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Anthony Andrews

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Dear Mr Andrews

YOUR OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT (1982) REQUEST

I refer to your Official Information Act request dated 16 October 2018 where you requested the following information from the Hawke's Bay District Health Board (HBDHB):

In reference to Schedule 3 of the financial sector reports on <https://www.health.govt.nz/new-zealand-health-system/key-health-sector-organisations-and-people/district-health-boards/accountability-and-funding/summary-financial-reports/dhb-sector-financial-reports-2016-17>

For the month ending May 2017, the clinical supplies expenditure for Hawke's Bay DHB was \$34,509 ('000). However this expenditure jumped to a very high number of \$46,902 ('000). [HBDHB note 30 June 2017 comparative figure is \$47,908 – not \$46,902]

This increase is very significant compared to previous years on the same months.

Why was there such a significant increase in clinical supplies at Hawke's Bay DHB. Was there a significant event? Please clarify.

HBDHB provide the following information in response to your information request: The large movement in clinical supplies expenditure in June 2017 relates to two year-end accounting adjustments as noted below:

1. The correction of a classification issue relating to pharmaceutical claims, transferred \$6.0 million of expenditure from funding community pharmaceuticals to the purchase of pharmaceutical supplies. Note that from July 2018 this adjustment has been made monthly.
2. Historical treatment of some costs within the clinical supplies group, resulted in a \$3.4 million increase in clinical supply costs in July 2017. Whilst this was in line with the budget phasing, we have reviewed the treatment for future years and will phase across the year to improve readability.

I trust this information meets your needs. If you would like any further information or clarification please phone me. If you are not satisfied with this response you may contact the Office of the Ombudsmen, phone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely

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