

# Corporate Services



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Dear Ms Daly

## **YOUR OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT (1982) REQUEST HBDHB REF: OIA2019031**

I refer to your Official Information Act request dated 27 February 2019 where you requested information from Hawke's Bay District Health Board (HBDHB). Your questions and HBDHB's response is provided below:

*The NZ Rural Hospital Network wants to clearly understand each DHB's process for allocating, monitoring and reporting the annual DHB Rural Adjuster fund.*

1. *For each of the past three years ending June 2016, June 2017 and June 2018 what was the DHBs Rural Adjuster funding component of the PBFF funding pool?*
2. *Does the DHB fund and provide rural hospital services? If Yes, continue to answer questions 2.1, 2.2 and 2.3. If no, go to question 3*
  - 2.1 *Provide the following information about the rural hospitals in your DHB.*  
*If there are none, please report this.*
    - *Name or location of hospital*
    - *List of services the hospital provides*
    - *The business structure of the hospital eg DHB owned and operated / NGO or Iwi owned and operated*
    - *Annual Budget*
  - 2.2 *How is the annual budget for each of the rural hospitals listed in the table in 2.1 set?*
  - 2.3 *How does the DHB apply the annual rural adjuster funding to the benefit of each of the rural hospitals listed in the table in question 2.1?*
3. *Does the DHB fund and provide rural community services? If yes, continue to answer questions 3.1, 3.2 and 3.3. If no, go to question 3*
  - 3.1 *Provide the following information about the rural community services in your DHB.*  
*If there are none, please report this.*
    - *Location of services*
    - *List of Community services in each location*
    - *The business structure of the service provider eg DHB owned and operated / NGO or Iwi owned and operated*
    - *Annual Budget.*
  - 3.2 *How is the annual budget for the community services listed in the table in 3.1 set?*
  - 3.3 *How does the DHB apply the annual rural adjuster funding to the benefit of each of the rural community listed in the table in question 3.1?*
4. *For each of the past three years, under each of the components of the Rural Adjuster, quantify the allocation of Rural Adjuster funding through the DHBs contracts with its contracted providers or Service Level Alliance Teams.*

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5. i. *Does the DHB include reporting requirements specific to the use of rural adjuster funding in its contracts with service providers whose contract includes rural adjuster funding.*
- ii. *If yes, provide a list of the reporting requirements included in the DHB contracts with these providers.*

In response to your questions 1, 2.3, 3.3, 4 and 5, the Ministry of Health no longer separately identifies Rural Adjustor funding as part of its Population Based Funding Formula (PBFF) therefore HBDHB is not able to provide this information and your request is declined under Section 18 (e), on the basis that the information does not exist.

In response to question 2 and 2.1, yes HBDHB provide rural services, refer details below:

Name of Hospital	List of Services Provided / Business Structure of the Hospital	2019 Annual Budget
Wairoa Health	<p>Wairoa Health is HBDHB owned and operated. The centre provides a range of services for the Wairoa district community including hospital-based services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a nine bed acute ward,</li> <li>• a two bed Level 2 Emergency Department,</li> <li>• a three bay maternity unit,</li> <li>• Laboratory and Radiology services and</li> <li>• a range of specialist outpatient clinics. Outpatient specialties include but are not limited to, Gynaecology/Obstetrics, New Born Screening, Paediatrics, Retinal Screening, Podiatry, Ear Nurse Services, Cardiology, Dietetics, Diabetic specialties, Urology, Audiology, Vascular, Respiratory, Child Development and Osteopathy.</li> </ul> <p>A suite of Mental Health and Addiction services are provided including: Drug and Alcohol counselling, group-based work and community connections, community mental health including acute services, Child and Family Services, visiting psychiatric, psychologist and kaiawhina support.</p> <p>The centre also provides a wide range of community health services that include District Nursing, Public Health Nursing, Occupational Therapy, meals on wheels and hosts the mobile surgical bus.</p> <p>The DHB-owned general practice service is on site as is a co-located GP-owned general practice. The DHB also runs a youth dental service. Health promotion and smoking cessation support are a feature of Wairoa Health along with Te Maioha, the mirimiri (massage) service.</p>	<p>\$3,731,739</p> <p>Note: excludes the DHB-owned GP Practice.</p>
Central Hawke's Bay Health Centre	<p>Central Hawke's Bay (CHB) Health Centre consists of a mix of publically-funded and private health services leasing space within the building. Private services include a general practice with four permanent GPs, Plus Rehab Physiotherapy who provide community and inpatient ward physiotherapy services. Private clinic leases are held with Triton Hearing and Bay Audiology.</p> <p>HBDHB services include a six bed sub-acute inpatient unit, Radiology, Laboratory, Public Health nurses, District Nurses, Social Work, Occupational Therapy, Mental Health and Addictions and Child, Adolescent and Family service. The Centre also hosts and provides staff to the Mobile Surgical Services Bus throughout the year providing Endoscopy, paediatric dental and minor surgery.</p>	<p>\$2,285,249</p>

In response to question 2.2; annual budgets for all DHB services are set each year based on the existing budget with consideration given to changes in service, cost pressures and reductions, the annual funding envelope and Board, Community and Ministerial expectations.

With regard to questions 3.1 and 3.2 HBDHB advises it does not contractually separate out Rural Community Services from all other Community Services. For CHB and other rural areas a significant proportion of services are provided by urban providers outreaching into rural areas. Therefore HBDHB is not able to respond to your request, which is declined under Section 18 (e), on the basis that the information does not exist.

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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