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Dear

Re: OIA request - Donations to the DHB

Thank you for your Official Information Act request received 18 March 2022 seeking information about donations made to Waitematā District Health Board (DHB).

Before responding to your specific questions, it may be useful to provide some context about our services.

Waitematā is the largest and one of the most rapidly growing DHBs in the country, serving a population of around 650,000 across the North Shore, Waitakere and Rodney areas. We are the largest employer in the district, employing more than 8,900 people across more than 80 locations.

In addition to providing care to our own resident population, we are the Northern Region provider of forensic mental health services and child rehabilitation services, plus the metro Auckland provider of child community dental services and community alcohol and drug services.

On 12 April, we contacted you to advise that we needed to extend the timeframe for providing a response to your request under Sections 15 (b) of the OIA. This was because the consultations necessary to make a decision on the request were such that a proper response to the request could not reasonably be made within the original time limit.

In response to your request, we are able to provide the following information:

 The value of all donations and bequests made to your DHB each year for the past five years.

Well Foundation is the official charity for North Shore Hospital, Waitākere Hospital and Waitematā DHB's community health services across West Auckland, North Shore and Rodney. The Foundation is a separate legal entity to the DHB. As such, it holds information about the identity of its donors and generally does not disclose the identity of its individual donors to the DHB, instead advising us as to how donations are tracking and particular projects are progressing.

Donations to the Well Foundation are for DHB-led projects. From the DHB's perspective, and as per our financial accounts, Well Foundation is recorded as the donor. The same applies to donations facilitated by the Ministry of Health (MOH); MOH donor identities are not shared with the DHB.

Value of donations made to Waitematā DHB from 2016/17 FY to 2020/21 FY						
Financial year	Total amount (\$)	Donations > \$200k		Name of donor	Description	Intended use
2016/17	1,191,864					
2017/18	746,037	Dec-17	450,000	Well Foundation	Stryker Mako Robotic system	North Shore Hospital
2018/19	604,412	Jun-19	260,761	Well Foundation	Mobile dental van	Additional mobile dental van for ARDS*
		Jun-19	271,000	Well Foundation	Refurbishment and expansion	Waitakere Chapel upgrade
2019/20	5,767,428	Jun-20	5,682,963	Ministry of Health	Donated protective equipment	COVID-19 response
2020/21	1,734,953	Oct-20	1,154,907	Ministry of Health	Donated assets revenue for COVID-19	COVID-19 response
		Oct-20	225,000	Well Foundation	Physiological monitoring equipment	Waitakere Hospital SCBU
		May-21	210,000	Well Foundation	Contributions towards building costs	Set-up costs for Waitemata DHB Breast Screening services
Total	10,044,694		8,254,631			

^{*}Auckland Regional Dental Service

- 2. For any cash donations or bequests of \$200,000 or more made in the past five years, please provide the name of the donor, the date the donation was made and the intended purpose, if any, for the donation.
- For any non-cash donations or bequests valued at \$200,000 or more made in the past five years, please provide the name of the donor, the date the donation was made and a description of the item/object/asset and its intended use.

We are providing a combined response to question 2 & 3.

The DHB has not received any direct donations or bequests of \$200,000 or more from individual donors or companies.

The names of organisations which have donated less than \$200,000 to Well Foundation can be found on Well Foundation's website at: https://wellfoundation.org.nz/our-supporters/

The Well Foundation's audited accounts can be accessed on the Charities Commission's website at:

https://register.charities.govt.nz/CharitiesRegister/ViewCharity?accountId=0c38ffaf-2a3b-dd11-84f2-0015c5f3da29&searchId=0294e76b-872f-4d48-a53c-b04ed063eb1d

As noted in our response to question 1, donations are not made directly to the DHB but instead to our official charitable organisation, the Well Foundation. The names of individual donors are generally not disclosed to the DHB, except where we were party to the agreements under which the donations were made and/or the donations have been publicly disclosed.

Donations made to the Well Foundation that have been publicised or where information is in the public domain but that have not yet been transferred to the DHB have been excluded from our response (i.e. Waitematā DHB has not yet received transfer of the funds from the Well Foundation).

The information provided below is where the identity of the donors was known to the DHB and the funds have been received via the Well Foundation. It should be noted, however, that while the identities of these donors was known to the DHB, the breakdown of these donations was not.

2017/2018 FY (extract from Waitematā DHB's Yearbook)

A Mako surgical robot used in orthopaedic surgery, particularly for joint replacements, was purchased with funds raised by the DHB's official fundraising body, the Well Foundation, which received philanthropic support from the Lion Foundation, the Freemasons Foundation and The Ted & Mollie Carr Trust.

http://www.waitematadhb.govt.nz/assets/Documents/news/media-releases/2017/Robot-assisted-knee-surgery-a-national-first-for-Waitemata-DHB.pdf

I trust that the information we have been able to provide is helpful.

Waitematā DHB supports the open disclosure of information to assist community understanding of how we are delivering publicly funded healthcare. This includes the proactive publication of anonymised Official Information Act responses on our website from 10 working days after they have been released.

If you consider there are good reasons why this response should not be made publicly available, we will be happy to consider your views.

Yours sincerely

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