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Dear [REDACTED]

Re: OIA request - Budgeted cost of breast reconstruction surgical procedures

Thank you for your Official Information Act request received by Waitematā District Health Board (DHB) on 8 October 2019 seeking information regarding information about the costs of breast reconstruction.

The budgeted cost of the following clinical codes covering procedures for breast reconstruction:

4553002
4553900
4554500
4554501
4554502

To provide some context, Waitematā DHB provides breast reconstruction surgery to patients from within our district. Counties Manukau DHB also provides some breast reconstruction surgeries to Waitematā residents, including where specialist plastic surgery is required.

Waitematā DHB does not fund a fixed number of breast reconstruction surgery procedures each year. Elective funding is allocated to services at Waitematā DHB and Counties Manukau DHB each year for a range of services including breast reconstruction surgery and this funding is adjusted each year for demographic growth.

We do not budget our services down to the procedure code level and only three of the above procedure codes are used at Waitematā DHB.

Therefore, we are declining your request under Section 18 (e) of the Official Information Act as the information you have requested does not exist.

You have the right to seek an independent review of any of the decisions taken in providing this response by contacting the Office of the Ombudsman via www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.

However, we can provide the average revenue per discharge based on national WIES price for the following three procedures undertaken by both our own provider and Counties Manukau Health for Waitematā residents in 2018/2019:

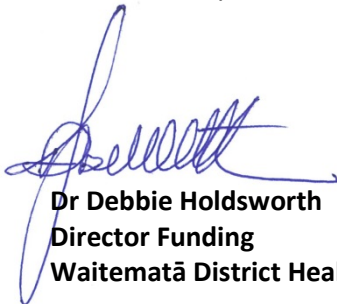
ProcCode	ProcShortDesc	Discharges	Avg WIES Revenue Per Discharge	Total WIES Revenue
4553900	Reconstruction of breast with insertion of tissue expander	19	\$20,386	\$387,348
4554500	Reconstruction of nipple	15	\$6,289	\$94,328
4554502	Reconstruction of nipple and areola	3	\$7,254	\$21,763

I trust that this information meets your requirements. Waitematā DHB, like other agencies across the state sector, supports the open disclosure of information to assist the public's 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 feel that there are good reasons why your response should not be made publicly available, we will be happy to consider this.

Yours sincerely



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