



28 October 2020

Dear [REDACTED]

Official Information Act Request - 13152

We received your OIA on 30 September requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982.

- 1) ***What has the DHB spent on locums for medical specialists every year in the past five years in the following departments? Could I please have the total locum spend by year over this period, as well as the total internal staff spent on specialists for the same periods? It would be helpful to have explanations for higher (or lower) than usual locum costs for particular periods and whether or not the DHB offers limited services in respective departments.***
- a. ***General Surgery***
 - b. ***Orthopaedics***
 - c. ***Enterology***
 - d. ***Gynaecology***
 - e. ***Ophthalmology***
 - f. ***Urology***
 - g. ***Cardiology***

Cost Centre Description	Account Description	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Cardiology Medical Personnel	Locums/Temps - Medical		\$ 64,286	\$ 117,413	\$ 57,125	\$ 1,018,191
	Medical Personnel	\$ 3,632,389	\$ 4,167,005	\$ 4,220,032	\$ 4,716,474	\$ 4,432,084
ENT Medical Personnel	Locums/Temps - Medical			\$ 2,086	\$ 652	
	Medical Personnel	\$ 1,830,180	\$ 1,990,203	\$ 1,955,531	\$ 1,960,316	\$ 1,832,220
General Surgery Med Personnel	Locums/Temps - Medical	\$ 238,730	\$ 217,856	\$ 252,934	\$ 281,179	\$ 287,060
	Medical Personnel	\$ 3,386,220	\$ 3,413,409	\$ 3,312,973	\$ 3,936,012	\$ 4,029,865
Ophthalmology Med Personnel	Locums/Temps - Medical	\$ 161,743	\$ 214,631	\$ 86,571	\$ 91,066	\$ 111,090
	Medical Personnel	\$ 1,633,764	\$ 1,744,507	\$ 1,675,955	\$ 2,029,717	\$ 1,700,374
Ophthalmology Outpatients	Locums/Temps - Medical			\$ 4,485		
Orthopaedic Medical Personnel	Locums/Temps - Medical		\$ 36,009	\$ 641		\$ 22,185
	Medical Personnel	\$ 3,066,631	\$ 3,170,548	\$ 3,674,209	\$ 3,471,431	\$ 4,246,558
Urology Clinic	Locums/Temps - Medical					
Urology Medical Personnel	Locums/Temps - Medical	\$ 26,500	\$ 2,316,938	\$ 3,152,411	\$ 3,370,530	\$ 3,500,562
	Medical Personnel					\$ 225
Women's Medical Personnel	Locums/Temps - Medical	\$ 51,286	\$ 730,807	\$ 390,502	\$ 864,219	\$ 487,669
	Medical Personnel	\$ 4,439,928	\$ 4,467,997	\$ 4,352,141	\$ 5,188,937	\$ 5,251,732

Cardiology

For the 2020 year there was a vacancy of 2 medical specialists, locums were used.

Women's Service

There has been an initiative to reduce locum staff in 2020. The reduction shown in 2018 is coding between Outsourced Personnel and Outsourced Services it is not a true reduction of locum expenses.

Overall

There has not been an initiative at Waikato DHB to limit service in the above departments.

2) What is the size of the population the DHB serves and what its annual operating budget?

These figures are supplied from our Annual Plan Report.

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Population	394, 340	400.820	417,130	419,850	425,836

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Operating Revenue	\$1,303,202,706	\$1,358,557,271	\$1,442, 122,410	\$1,521,236,019	\$1,622,790,202

Waikato DHB supports the open disclosure of information to assist community understanding of how we are delivering publically 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.

Yours sincerely,



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