



18 January 2022

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Email: ██████████

Dear ██████████

Official Information Act Request

Thank you for your request dated 10 December 2021 pursuant to the Official Information Act 1982. This was received as a transfer from the Ministry of Health to Waikato District Health Board on 12 January 2022. You have requested the following information:

“For each DHB (except for Capital Coast) can you please tell me if publically funded bone density (DEXA) scans are available for (1) all relevant Endocrinology patients (2) any patient seen in a relevant subspecialty (yes/no adequate detail for both questions). The scan could be provided in private but the question is about who pays - the DHB or the patient. If some patients would be funded (e.g. community service card holders) please provide this information...”

Patients are seen by the SMO, if the SMO deems a clinical need and meets the criteria for these scans then the DHB pay for them. Please see the process and criteria for Endocrinology attached.

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'PP' followed by a stylized flourish.

Christine Lowry
Executive Director – Hospital and Community Services
Waikato District Health board

Bone Density Scan administration process April 2018 Endocrinology Service

