

19 November 2018

**Re: Official Information Act request concerning residential and home based care for older New Zealanders**

I refer to your Official Information Act request dated 31 October 2018 where you requested the following information for the financial years ending 30 June 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018:

- *the total amounts paid by the DHB on facility based care at rest home level of need, at hospital level of need, and at dementia/secure unit level of need*
- *the total amounts paid by the DHB on home based care for people over 65 years old*
- *the average number of people being supported in full or in part by the DHB in facility based care at rest home level of need, at hospital level of need, and at dementia/secure unit level of need*
- *the average number of people being supported in full or in part by the DHB with home based care for people aged over 65 years old.*

Table 1 below provides the information requested on aged residential care for Auckland DHB.

	2013/14		2014/15		2015/16		2016/17		2017/18	
	Ave no. residents	Total payments*	Ave no. residents	Total payments*	Ave no. residents	Total payments*	Ave no. residents	Total payments*	Ave no. residents	Total payments*
<b>Rest home</b>	866	24,232,489	853	25,108,074	781	23,683,841	729	22,249,288	709	24,380,593
<b>Dementia</b>	264	8,551,315	255	8,043,661	256	8,345,459	272	8,817,368	257	9,470,672
<b>Hospital</b>	1,511	67,066,326	1,527	67,316,968	1,528	67,218,494	1,585	69,316,157	1,520	73,146,091

\*Payments excluding GST

Table 2 below provides the information requested on home based care for Auckland DHB

2013/14		2014/15		2015/16		2016/17		2017/18	
Ave no. clients	Total payments*	Ave no. clients	Total payments*	Ave no. clients	Total payments*	Ave no. clients	Total payments*	Ave no. clients	Total payments*
3852	21,456,987	3868	21,680,000	3761	21,684,223	3663	20,148,897	3715	20,511,577

\*Payments excluding GST

Total DHB payments for HCSS exclude the following funding:

- Inbetween Travel; implemented 29 February 2016. Fair Travel funding was removed from the DHB budget during 2016/17 and combined with additional funding to form the funding pool for Inbetween Travel
- Guaranteed Hours; implemented 1 April 2017
- Pay Equity; implemented 1 July 2017.

HCSS providers claimed separately from the Ministry of Health for these areas of funding so they are not included in the DHB total payments detailed in Table 2.

I trust this information answers your questions.

You are entitled under the Official Information Act section 28(3) to seek a review of this response. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours faithfully



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