

10 March 2022

Dear [REDACTED]

## **YOUR OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT (1982) REQUEST HBDHB REF: OIA2022005**

I refer to your Official Information Act request dated 22 January 2022 where you requested information from Hawke's Bay District Health Board (HBDHB). Your questions and HBDHB's response is provided below:

***"..would like to know the current size of the waiting list for all skin cancer referrals to your DHB as follows:***

- ***Initial consultation appointment for suspected or confirmed BCC, SCC and melanoma***

Patients as at 28 February 2022 that are on an Outpatient waiting list for BCC, SCC or Melanoma as follows:

BCC – 32

SCC – 13

Melanoma – 5

- ***Surgical appointment for melanoma excision***

There are two patients on the surgical waitlist as at 28 February 2022 for melanoma excision.

- ***Surgical appointment for BCC or SCC excision***

There are four patients on the surgical waitlist as at 28 February 2022 for BCC and one for SCC excision.

Hawke's Bay DHB endeavours to treat patients (i.e. incisions) at the initial consultation appointment. Depending on clinical need others may require another outpatient appointment and/or theatre.

***I would also like to know to what extent, if any, your DHB funds GPs or private providers to carry out any SCC, BCC or melanoma excisions on an annual basis (e.g. for 2021).***

Hawke's Bay DHB funds primary care to remove highly suspicious lesions such as melanoma or growing non-melanoma skin cancer (Basal Cell Carcinoma; BCC, Squamous Cell Carcinoma; SCC).

Hawke's Bay DHB declines to provide the funding figure under section 9(2)(b)(ii) of the Official Information Act relating to commercial sensitivity; without prejudice or disadvantage to its commercial activities.

I trust this information meets your needs. If you would like any further information or clarification please phone me. If you are not satisfied with this response you may contact the Office of the Ombudsman, phone 0800 802 602.

Please note that this response, or an edited version of this response, may be published on the Hawke's Bay DHB website after your receipt of this response.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Chris Ash', written in a cursive style.

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