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Your Official Information Act (1982) request Te Matau a Māui Hawke's Bay Ref: OIA2022069

I refer to your Official Information Act request dated 17 June 2022 where you requested information from Hawke's Bay District Health Board, now known as Te Whatu Ora – Health New Zealand, Te Matau a Māui Hawke's Bay (TWOHB). Your questions and TWOHB's response is provided below:

With respect, please provide the following figures related to bowel screening procedures, including colonoscopy and CT colonography:

- 1. The first figure is the external cost of bowel screening in the three years BEFORE your DHB joined the National Bowel Screening Programme.***
- 2. In those same years, please also provide the number of procedures done externally (as opposed to in-house DHB services).***
- 3. The second figures is the external cost of bowel screening every year AFTER your DHB joined the National Bowel Screening Programme. Please also provide the number of procedures done externally (as opposed to in-house DHB services).***
- 4. Please provide these figures by financial year, as a single dollar amount, excluding GST.***
- 5. If this work is covered within existing external contracts, please estimate the annual cost.***

In response to question one, there is no external cost of bowel screening in the three years before TWOHB joined the National Bowel Screening Programme as this service has always been delivered in-house. Therefore, this portion of your request is declined under section 18(e) of the Official Information Act relating to information that does not exist.

In response to question two, TWOHB does not outsource bowel screening colonoscopies within the Endoscopy unit. Therefore, this portion of your request is declined under section 18(e) of the Official Information Act relating to information requested does not exist.

In response to question three, four and five, TWOHB does not outsource bowel screening, therefore this portion of your request is declined under section 18(e) of the Official Information Act relating to information requested does not exist

I trust this information meets your needs. If you would like any further information or clarification please contact us via email. 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 website after your receipt of this response.

Ngā mihi



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Te Matua a Māui Hawke's Bay