

Corporate Services



17 February 2022

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Dear [REDACTED]

YOUR OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT (1982) REQUEST HBDHB REF: OIA2022001

I refer to your Official Information Act request transferred to district health boards by the Ministry of Health on 12 January 2022 where you requested information from Hawke's Bay District Health Board (HBDHB). Your questions and HBDHB's response is provided below:

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.

Hawke's Bay DHB's hospital specialist services can request funded BMD-DXA scans. These scans are also DHB funded for GP referrals for conditions where a patient is at significant risk of osteoporosis. BMD-DXA scans are also available through a private provider at a cost to the patient.

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".

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