



4 October 2021



Dear [REDACTED]

Official Information Act Request

You have asked for information about acute admission funding.

The amount of funding spent on acute admissions per year for the past 5 years as a total, Maori, Non Maori, and for each of these categories as per capita for the total DHB population, Maori and Non Maori populations?

Reply 37494 (2021) has been answered Portfolio: Health (Hon Andrew Little)

Question: *How is funding for acute admissions to DHBs funded, and is it open ended in that every admission is funded and there is no cap, and what has been that funding per year for the past 5 years ?*

Reply: *The bulk of district health board (DHB) funding is allocated using the Population Based Funding Formula (PBFF). The PBFF aims to give each DHB a similar opportunity, in terms of health resources, to respond to the needs of its population. It does not determine the overall level of funding DHBs receive, which is determined by the Budget process, nor how DHBs spend it. Funding for acute admissions is included within each DHB's share of funding allocated by the PBFF. As such, there is no dedicated funding for acute admissions, and it is required to be managed within the allocation of funding via PBFF. DHBs are required to assess the health needs of their population and manage their resources appropriately in addressing those needs.*

The attached table summarises the cost of acute and arranged (non-elective) admissions of Northland DHB domiciled patients over the past 5 financial years. A costweight approach has been applied to these events to provide a consistent view on these episodes whether they occur in a NDHB facility, or at another DHB.

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If you have any queries relating to Northland DHB's response to your information request please contact me.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'NICK', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Dr Nick Chamberlain
Chief Executive

Fiscal Year	Acute and Arranged Admission (non-Electives) Spend			Population			Per Capita Acute/Arranged Admissions Spend		
	Māori/Pacific	Non Māori/Pacific	Total	Māori/Pacific	Non Māori/Pacific	Total	Māori/Pacific	Non Māori/Pacific	Total
2017	70,133,432.86	129,053,305.47	199,186,738.32	60,552	113,047	173,599	1,158.23	1,141.59	1,147.40
2018	76,171,449.19	127,513,438.55	203,684,887.73	64,458	114,618	179,076	1,181.72	1,112.51	1,137.42
2019	79,840,482.46	136,082,501.77	215,922,984.23	65,528	115,011	180,540	1,218.40	1,183.21	1,195.98
2020	83,424,863.12	128,873,735.27	212,298,598.39	66,617	115,399	182,016	1,252.30	1,116.76	1,166.37
2021	87,584,333.47	131,671,425.14	219,255,758.61	67,723	115,781	183,505	1,293.26	1,137.24	1,194.82