



23 November 2020



Dear [REDACTED]

**Official Information Act Request**

You have asked for information about treating ineligible patients.

*The total annual amount invoiced for treatment of people not eligible for publicly funded health services in New Zealand broken down year since 2014.*

Please see information in the following table. The amounts are for treatment received in each financial year and are GST exclusive.

2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
\$426,996	\$483,745	\$298,799	\$493,081	\$671,261	\$385,486

*How much of that cost has been paid, and how much is overdue.*

Amounts listed below are in the year the debt-write off (ie unpaid debt) occurred and are GST inclusive. The amounts do not necessarily correlate to the information listed above.

2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
\$74,126	\$39,442	\$52,890	\$50,704	\$44,731	\$401,971

*What the top three bills were for each year.*

The amounts listed below are for relate to treatment provided each year and are GST exclusive.

2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
\$103,751	\$121,818	\$21,534	\$46,788	\$175,504	\$16,200
\$21,585	\$21,374	\$12,086	\$27,400	\$43,879	\$15,864
\$19,299	\$17,831	\$11,813	\$25,547	\$11,671	\$14,407

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If you have any questions regarding Northland DHB's response to your information request please contact Northland DHB's Communications Manager, in the first instance at [communications@northlanddhb.org.nz](mailto:communications@northlanddhb.org.nz) .

Yours sincerely

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

**Dr Nick Chamberlain**  
**Chief Executive**