



30 November 2020

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Dear [REDACTED]

Official Information Act Request

The Ministry of Health transferred your Official Information Act request regarding foreign nationals charged for health services to district health boards on 6 November 2020.

I would like information regarding how many foreign nationals have been charged by our public health system categorized by number of charges and nationality/passport region [between April 1st 2019 to 31st March 2020] ...by charges I mean transactions.

e.g A foreign national visits Christchurch hospital due to an emergency, spends time in the bed and is medicated (possibly a minor operation is performed). At the end of the day He/She is discharged and charged/invoiced a certain amount for the services.

The example above I would consider as 1 charge.

Eligibility criteria relating to publicly funded healthcare allows some non-New Zealand citizens and residents to be eligible for publicly funded healthcare. Eligibility criteria to access publicly funded health services is available on the Ministry of health's website www.health.govt.nz.

The foreign nationals invoiced by Northland DHB are listed in the following table.

Northland DHB supports the open disclosure of information to assist public understanding of how we deliver our services. This includes proactive publication of anonymised Official Information Act responses on our website from 10 working days after they have been provided to you. Personal or identifying information will be redacted from any response published online. If you consider there are good reasons why this response should not be publicly available we will consider your views.

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.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Nick Chamberlain', written over a white background.

Dr Nick Chamberlain
Chief Executive

Number of foreign nationals	Nationality/Passport Region	Number of transactions
1	Argentina	2
1	Australia	1
1	Belgium	1
2	Brazil	3
9	Canada	11
2	Chile	2
10	China	10
1	Columbia	2
1	Croatia	2
6	Denmark	6
7	England	7
3	Fiji	3
2	Finland	2
14	France	15
1	French Polynesia	1
12	Germany	12
3	Great Britain	4
19	India	20
1	Indonesia	1
1	Ireland	1
2	Italy	3
1	Korea	1
1	Malaysia	1
1	Malta	1
1	Mexico	1
1	Nepal	3
4	Netherlands	4
13	Not disclosed	13
1	Pakistan	1
1	Peru	1
8	Philippines	8
1	Portugal	1
1	Russia	2
1	Samoa	5
6	South Africa	7
1	Spain	1
5	Sweden	5
3	Switzerland	3
4	Tonga	11
1	Tuvalu	1
1	Ukraine	1
23	United States of America	28
2	Vanuatu	2
1	Zimbabwe	1