



10 August 2020



Dear [REDACTED]

Official Information Act Request

You have asked for the total sum paid to each medical college by Northland DHB in the 2019/20 financial year on behalf of all medical practitioners (SMOs and RMOs).

Our financial coding system does not break down payments made to individual medical colleges. In order to provide data to the individual college level we would have to review the claim forms of each individual RMO and SMO. This would take substantial collation and I have therefore decided to withhold the information in accordance with section 18(f) of the Official Information Act. You have a right to complain to the Ombudsman about my decision.

While I am unable to provide the amount paid to individual medical colleges I am able to advise that in 2019/20 Northland DHB paid a total of \$90,447.34 to medical colleges on behalf of medical practitioners. This figure includes payments made to New Zealand and overseas medical colleges.

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 queries relating to Northland DHB's response to your information request please contact me.

Yours sincerely

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

Dr Nick Chamberlain
Chief Executive