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Tēnā koe

Official Information Act Request

You have asked for information about bowel screening procedures.

With respect, please provide the following figures related to bowel screening procedures, including colonoscopy and CT colonography:

The first figure is the external cost of bowel screening in the three years BEFORE your DHB joined the National Bowel Screening Programme. In those same years, please also provide the number of procedures done externally (as opposed to in-house DHB services).

The second figures is the external cost of bowel screening every year AFTER your DHB joined the National Bowel Screening Programme. Please also provide the number of procedures done externally (as opposed to in-house DHB services).

Please provide these figures by financial year, as a single dollar amount, excluding GST. If this work is covered within existing external contracts, please estimate the annual cost

Over the three year period prior to Northland DHB implementing the National Bowel Screening Programme, it outsourced 20 colonoscopies. Northland DHB has recently transitioned to a new financial reporting system and accordingly we are unable to extract the actual cost per procedure. However, we can advise that the price paid was approximately \$1,250 - \$1,500 per colonoscopy depending on the provider and patient requirements.

Northland DHB did not outsource any CT Colonography in the three years prior to launching the National Bowel Screening Programme.

Northland DHB only launched the National Bowel Screening Programme in November 2021. To date we have not outsourced any colonoscopies during that time. Northland DHB has however outsourced 19 CT Colonography procedures at a total cost of \$15,145.

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If you have any questions regarding our response to your information request please contact our Communications Manager, in the first instance at communications@northlanddhb.org.nz.

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