

12 August 2019

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Dear [REDACTED]

Official Information Act (1982) Request

I write in response to your Official Information Act request, dated 16 July 2019. You requested the following information:

1. **The number of bariatric surgeries (gastric banding, laparoscopic sleeve gastrectomy and gastric bypass surgery) done by the DHB each year, for the calendar years of 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018 and to July 1, 2019.**
2. **The total cost to the DHB in providing these procedures each year, for the calendar years of 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018 and to July 1, 2019.**
3. **The amount of funding the DHB receives from the Ministry of Health to perform these procedures, broken down by year, for the calendar years of 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018 and to July 1, 2019.**

The information to respond to each of the three questions in your request for Counties Manukau Health are below.

For more information in regards to Bariatric Surgery, CMDHB please click on the link below:

- <https://www.healthpoint.co.nz/public/general-surgery/counties-manukau-health-general-surgery/bariatric-surgery/>

We note that referral for bariatric surgery involves a significant number of interventions, often over a number of months in addition to the surgical procedure.

I trust this information satisfactorily answers your query. If you are not satisfied with this response you are entitled to seek a review of the response by the Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act.

Please note that this response or an edited version of this may be published on the Counties Manukau DHB website.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'F. Apa', with a stylized flourish above the name.

Fepulea'i Margie Apa
Chief Executive Officer
Counties Manukau Health

Counties Manukau Health

Question 1: Total number of bariatric surgeries (gastric banding, laparoscopic sleeve gastrectomy and gastric bypass surgery) per year

Question 2: Total cost to the DHB in providing these procedures each year

- Discharges and costs - 01/01/2014-30/06/2019: Bariatric Surgery completed at CM Health, by calendar year

ICD Code	ICD Code descriptions	
30511-13	Laparoscopic gastric banding	
30511-09	Laparoscopic sleeve gastrectomy	
30512-00	Gastric bypass	
30512-03	Laparoscopic gastric bypass	
Discharge Date Calendar year	No. of cases	Actual total cost to CM Health (surgical procedure only)
2014	49	\$ 583,447
2015	176	\$ 1,804,317
2016	164	\$ 1,509,046
2017	165	\$ 1,687,236
2018	113	\$ 971,076
2019 YTD (6 mth)	57	\$ 554,291

Table 1

There may be small variations in numbers compared to our response to you in February 2019 due to coding and extraction differences, including cases for other DHBs in 2014.

- The number of cases is significantly smaller in 2014, as the ICD codes were matched from 01/07/2014.
- In 2019, cases are only to 30/06/2019.
- Some cases were completed for people resident in other DHBs, as well as CM domicile.

- Discharges - 2014/15 - 2018/19: Bariatric Surgery CM DHB of Domicile, by financial year

DHB of Domicile	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19
Counties Manukau	158	157	155	137	84

Table 2

- 2018/19 Data extracted from NMDS on 09 August 2019, may change with further coding
- Publicly funded only - excluding any ACC/ other funded discharges
- Clinical and capacity considerations will affect procedure numbers per annum. Some cases can be provided at other DHBs, with payment made via Inter-district flow and national prices.

Question 3: *The amount of funding the DHB receives from the Ministry of Health to perform these procedures.*

Funding received on a financial year basis (01 July – 30 June). From 2018/19 specific Bariatric Initiative funding ceased, the allocation is now incorporated into the each DHB Electives Initiatives funding.

Financial Year	Agreed Value
2014/15	\$ 277,655
2015/16	\$ 273,228
2016/17	\$ 244,992
2017/18	\$ 249,808

Table 3

- *Bariatric Surgery and related services, for Bariatric Initiatives agreed volumes: 158 cases per annum*
- *Bariatric Initiative Funding was based on a Unit Price, which consisted of the package of care in addition to the surgical procedure, including Specialist pre and post op appointments, psychology assessment, and dietary supplements.*

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