

13 December 2019

Re: Official Information Act request – Partial transfer – annual spend on skin cancer prevention

I refer to your Official Information Act request dated 17 November 2019 to the MoH and transferred (partial transfer) from the MoH to Auckland DHB on 29 November 2019 requesting the following information:

1. How much is spent on skin cancer prevention on an annual basis, over the last ten years.

Skin cancer prevention programmes are not managed through Auckland District Health Board so we are unable to provide this information.

2. Number of people suffering skin cancer or undergone skin cancer treatment in NZ per year over the last 10 years. If you have a population breakdown on a regional basis.

Please refer to the information below, indicating patients treated within Auckland DHB, by DHB of domicile. This information is approximate only, as it includes patients who may have presented with other skin-related conditions. It also excludes patients who attend outpatient clinics as this information is not recorded in such a way as to respond to this information request.

F Year	Auckland	Counties Manukau	Waitemata	Other DHB	Total
2012	728	46	108	32	914
2013	1,027	63	188	39	1,317
2014	987	51	183	37	1,258
2015	1,003	46	159	30	1,238
2016	1,599	45	231	48	1,923
2017	1,033	30	179	26	1,268
2018	1,389	21	146	12	1,568
2019	1,471	9	201	13	1,694
Total	9,237	311	1,395	237	11,180

M502016: Skin Lesion Removal
This PUC was introduced in the 2012 FY and prior to this skin cancer excision was a regular WIES and is therefore not able to be accurately reported until the 2013 FY.


3. Cost of any advertising campaigns run by the MoH or DHBs over the last 10 years.

Please refer to Question 1.

You are entitled to seek a review of the response by the Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

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

Yours faithfully



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