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**RE Official information request CDHB 10266**

I refer to your email dated 4 February 2020 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act from Canterbury DHB.

**Can you please tell me the cost of outsourcing surgery to private theatres from June 2018 to the present time? (January 2020)**

- a. Can you please break the figures down by month,**
- b. by department,**

Please refer to **Appendix 1** (attached) for the Cost of Combined Outsourced/Outplaced surgeries June 2018 – December 2019. This information is broken down by month and by department.

**Please note:** The costs shown are payments to external providers for outsourcing and outplacing and do not include internal costs also associated with the provision of services in a private setting. These costs would include things like the use of Canterbury DHB staff in private facilities, after hours coverage in the private hospital that the DHB provides, scheduling, appointments, etc.

- c. and by surgery type?**

We are declining a response to this question pursuant to section 18(f) of the Official Information Act *i.e.* “...the information cannot be made available without substantial collation or research.”

I trust that this satisfies your interest in this matter.

You may, under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act, seek a review of our decision to withhold information by the Ombudsman. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://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 Canterbury DHB website after your receipt of this response.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Carolyn Gullery', with a long, sweeping horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Carolyn Gullery  
**Executive Director**  
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**Table one: Cost of Combined Outsourced/Outplaced surgeries June 2018 – December 2019**

Department	Jun-18	Jul-18	Aug-18	Sep-18	Oct-18	Nov-18	Dec-18	Jan-19	Feb-19	Mar-19	Apr-19	May-19	Jun-19	Jul-19	Aug-19	Sep-19	Oct-19	Nov-19	Dec-19	TOTAL Jun-18 to Dec-19
Bariatric Surgery	\$70,750	\$0	\$17,843	\$124,904	\$124,904	\$89,217	\$89,217	\$71,374	\$0	\$17,843	\$0	\$0	\$196,278	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$178,434	\$0	\$980,765
Cardiothoracic	\$474,540	\$144,562	\$290,023	\$405,599	\$368,192	\$485,945	\$280,784	\$101,060	\$185,431	\$496,804	\$194,766	\$343,379	\$430,371	\$524,740	\$542,696	\$312,378	\$226,512	\$134,158	\$334,472	\$6,276,410
ENT (Otolaryngology)	\$74,427	\$0	\$0	\$26,796	\$44,553	\$69,401	\$40,173	\$132,359	\$145,702	\$202,494	\$67,683	\$162,394	\$264,611	\$115,805	\$237,803	\$133,931	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,718,132
General Surgery	\$598,635	\$144,016	\$288,646	\$261,687	\$345,395	\$275,143	\$117,170	\$101,249	\$390,049	\$463,938	\$177,166	\$124,290	\$416,112	\$125,388	\$220,360	\$282,047	\$20,282	\$211,399	\$0	\$4,562,972
Ophthalmology	\$313,138	\$256,794	\$279,866	\$261,410	\$227,021	\$247,346	\$176,274	\$168,284	\$239,872	\$270,444	\$256,282	\$311,349	\$260,337	\$263,077	\$259,797	\$247,323	\$222,006	\$246,859	\$165,602	\$4,673,082
Orthopaedics	\$143,360	\$628,040	\$915,810	\$761,460	\$833,490	\$1,198,490	\$581,830	\$483,630	\$452,760	\$730,590	\$823,200	\$823,200	\$740,880	\$961,620	\$858,220	\$661,760	\$485,980	\$588,651	\$520,067	\$13,193,037
Paediatric Dental	\$54,900	\$67,100	\$67,100	\$54,900	\$61,000	\$61,000	\$48,800	\$42,700	\$57,950	\$61,000	\$54,900	\$67,100	\$61,000	\$68,442	\$68,442	\$62,220	\$74,664	\$62,220	\$49,776	\$1,145,214
Plastic Surgery	\$208,749	\$0	\$37,564	\$83,819	\$53,899	\$14,436	\$10,748	\$12,188	\$171,344	\$159,449	\$81,787	\$34,010	\$141,238	\$57,758	\$179,594	\$70,831	\$34,534	\$32,945	\$0	\$1,384,892
Vascular Surgery	\$79,231	\$31,929	\$39,024	\$35,477	\$21,286	\$24,834	\$7,095	\$42,572	\$14,191	\$39,024	\$35,477	\$28,381	\$21,286	\$14,605	\$14,605	\$80,330	\$83,981	\$76,678	\$54,770	\$744,778
Outplaced Surgery - all disciplines	\$562,766	\$659,427	\$531,683	\$441,730	\$435,858	\$475,992	\$642,917	\$337,642	\$547,632	\$537,066	\$486,804	\$561,108	\$502,214	\$626,897	\$519,795	\$490,297	\$543,329	\$436,859	\$295,962	\$9,635,980
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$2,580,495</b>	<b>\$1,931,869</b>	<b>\$2,467,560</b>	<b>\$2,457,782</b>	<b>\$2,515,598</b>	<b>\$2,941,803</b>	<b>\$1,995,009</b>	<b>\$1,493,059</b>	<b>\$2,204,931</b>	<b>\$2,978,651</b>	<b>\$2,178,063</b>	<b>\$2,455,211</b>	<b>\$3,034,327</b>	<b>\$2,758,333</b>	<b>\$2,901,313</b>	<b>\$2,341,117</b>	<b>\$1,691,287</b>	<b>\$1,968,203</b>	<b>\$1,420,649</b>	<b>\$44,315,261</b>