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RE Official Information Act request CDHB 10236

I refer to your email, dated 17 November 2019 to the Ministry of Health which they subsequently partially transferred to us on 29 November 2019, requesting the following information under the Official Information Act from Canterbury DHB regarding Cost of Skin Cancer as follows:

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 Canterbury DHB, so we are unable to provide this information. We don't hold any contracts for Sun Smart campaigns, however we do promote Cancer Society messages.

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

Please refer to **Tables one and two** (below) for the number of people patients identified *within the hospital reporting system as treated for 'Skin Cancer'* over the last ten financial years for Canterbury DHB.

Table one: Patients identified as treated for skin cancer by year.

Financial Years										
2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	Total
1,728	1,505	1,745	2,271	2,429	2,378	2,346	2,468	2,298	2,556	21,724

Table two: Number of treatments over the last ten financial years for Canterbury DHB for 'Skin Cancer'.

2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	Total
2,147	1,854	2,106	2,905	3,050	3,055	2,945	3,131	2,972	3,322	27,487

Notes:

- a) The number of Unique Patients seen the Canterbury DHB over the ten-year period was 16,047
- b) The total number of Unique Patients over the ten-year period does not correlate to the number of treatments as some patients would have been seen over multiple years and had multiple treatments.
- c) The Canterbury DHB also subsidises the excision of approximately 2500 skin lesions per year in General Practices, of which around 1500 per year are skin cancers. Please refer **table three** (overleaf).

Table three: Excision of skin cancers undertaken in General Practices.

2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	Total
n/a	n/a	n/a	1,444	1,456	1,591	1,686	1,615	1,583	1,486	10,861

3. Costs of any advertising campaigns run by the DHB over the last 10 years.

Please refer to our response to Question one.

I trust that this satisfies your interest in this matter.

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



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