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RE Official Information Act request CDHB 10121

I refer to your email dated 12 June 2019 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act from Canterbury DHB regarding total annual costs of treatment for people not eligible for publicly funded health services in New Zealand. Specifically:

- 1. Can I please have costs for each of the past five financial years, and can you also tell me how much of those yearly costs have been written off as bad debt.**

Please refer to **Table one** (below) for the total annual amount invoiced for treatment of people not eligible for publicly funded health services in New Zealand.

Table one: Canterbury DHB

	2014/2015	2015/2016	2016/2017	2017/18	2018/19
Total amount invoiced in the year	2,928,087	3,335,327	2,676,651	2,909,581	3,340,928

The total amount written off as bad debt during this five year period is \$4,310,249.

Note:

- Financial year is from 1 July to 30 June
- Above amounts are GST exclusive
- The write-offs include invoices raised at any time, but written off in the respective financial year (i.e. they can include invoices raised in prior financial years.)

- 2. For the past financial year only, I'd also like to know the cost of the most expensive treatment for a single patient not eligible for publicly funded health services in NZ - and what type of treatment it was.**

The cost of the most expensive treatment for a single patient, not eligible for publicly funded health services in Canterbury, in the past financial year was \$216,576, excluding GST. (Invoice included

intensive care, surgery, high tech imaging, laboratory testing and all other medicines and consumables required as part of the episode of care).

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Carolyn Gullery', with a long, sweeping underline.

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