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RE Official Information Act request CDHB 10822

I refer to your email dated 22 February 2022 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act from Canterbury DHB. Specifically:

- 1. How many people under the CDHB have a feeding tube? Would appreciate this by age bracket please, e.g. 5-year brackets.**

We are assuming your request is for community/home enterally fed patients vs inpatients. Our Nutrition and Dietetics Service advises that it is very difficult to get accurate information regarding this without a more complex and time-consuming exercise cross referencing children's outreach and neonatal outreach data bases, supply department, Aged Care supplies, Community dietitians etc.

However, noting the above, we can provide you with the following current information for 2022 Year to Date.

Adult – 127 on pumps – they will not be NGT (nasogastric tube) fed but PEG/PEJ/Jejunostomy.

Paediatrics (0-16) – 144 on pumps – mixture of NGTS, PEGs, PEJs, jejunostomy

- 2. Does the CDHB provide, free of charge, the Nutricia Flocare Infinity Go Frame for those feeding tube patients requiring one and if so, what is the GST excl unit price that the CDHB purchase them for from Nutricia?**


The Canterbury DHB does not have a contract with Nutricia however their system can be used if clinically indicated.

Patients requiring home enteral feeding are not charged for drip stands / frames regardless of the choice of nutrition system.

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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