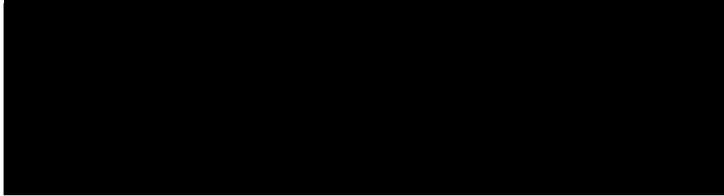


25 October 2018



Dear 

Re Official Information Request for Schedule H budget on pharmaceuticals

I refer to your Official Information Act request of 26 September 2018 for the following information:

please provide information on Schedule H budget spent on pharmaceuticals as a dollar (\$) value for each of the 2015/16 and 2017/18 financial years and specify if each value provided is a net or a gross value i.e. excluding or including rebates. If it includes rebates then please also provide the \$ value of the rebates as a separate \$ value too.

The total ADHB expenditure on items listed in Section H of the Pharmaceutical Schedule in the 2015/16 and 2017/18 financial years was as follows:

2015/16 \$21,702,304.45

2017/18 \$26,473,729.71

We note that these amounts are net of rebates and exclude PCTs and all other medicines for which reimbursement is claimed via the CPB, as well as items listed in the Addendum for Hospital Medical Devices

I trust this information answers your questions.

You are entitled under the Official Information Act to seek a review of this response. 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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Chief Executive