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Dear Julie

Official Information Act request

Thank you for your enquiry made under section 12 of the Official Information Act 1982 regarding information relating to hip revision surgeries. I apologise for the delay in responding to your Official Information Act request.

The data below covers hip revisions undertaken by the Waikato District Health Board (DHB). It may include some patients from other DHBs, who had their surgery at a Waikato DHB facility. We have used your numbering below, noting there were two questions numbered 4.

Our responses to your specific queries are outlined below:

1. Procurement policy for medical devices
Waikato District Health Board does not have a procurement policy specifically for medical devices; however we have attached a copy of the District Health Board's Procurement and Contracts policy for your information.
2. Funding policies for medical devices including when manufacturers will get paid with specific reference to custom devices.
District Health Boards are funded using a set case weight price for each defined procedure, regardless of what type of implant is used. The funded price is fully inclusive of all costs associated with the procedure. It is therefore important the DHBs ensure they negotiate good pricing. DHBs negotiate contracts with suppliers for these implants and the standard payment terms are 20th of the month following the implant being used by the DHB.
3. How many hip revision surgeries involving an acetabular component for each year for the last 5 years in the region. If not available, just 2012.
There were 311 hip revision surgeries undertaken at Waikato DHB in total (including re-revisions) in the five years from 2008-2012. There were 77 in 2012, each of which involved an acetabular component.
4. How many patients received a re-revision surgery in the past 5 years?
30 patients had 2 or more revision surgeries performed in the 5 years from 2008 to 2012. Of these, 17 patients had 2 or more revision surgeries in the same year and 13 patients had 2 or more revision procedures across 2 or more years. Four patients had more than two revisions.

4. How much was spent on acetabular implants in revision surgeries over each year for the last 5 years? If not available, just 2012.
For the calendar year 2012 approximately \$475,000 was spent on acetabular implants in revisions surgeries.
5. What is the average costs of running an operating theatre per hour (minus staffing costs)?
The average cost is circa \$750, which includes set up costs, but excludes all staffing costs.
6. Total operating theatre costs for revision surgeries in 2012
There were 51 operations in 2012, with a total theatre cost of \$215,011 (this includes staffing costs, theatre supplies and overheads).
7. How long on average does a revision hip arthroplasty take?
The average theatre time for a revision hip arthroplasty operation during the 2012 calendar year was 137 minutes.
8. How much was spent on rehabilitation after hip revision in 2012?
11 patients went on to rehabilitation in the hospital setting during the 2012 calendar year, at a total cost of \$131,939. This figure does not include any external rehab costs such as district nursing or rehabilitation at home.
9. What is the cost of a day of rehabilitation for a hip surgery?
The average cost of a day of rehabilitation is \$758.27, and the average bed day cost is \$437.19.

I trust this answers your query.

Yours sincerely



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