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Dear Emma

Official Information Act (OIA) Request

As you are aware, your recent OIA request has been transferred to District Health Boards by the Ministry of Health under section 14 of the Official Information Act. Therefore, the following data has been provided as it pertains to Te Pae Hauora o Ruahine o Tararua | MidCentral (previously MidCentral District Health Board).

You have requested the following information:

- The total number of procedures outsourced by year (including the year to date) for the past five years.**

Year	Procedures
2017/18	80
2018/19	380
2019/20	625
2020/21	1,119
2021/22	982
Total	3,186

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- For each year, provide a breakdown of the type of procedure.**

Procedure Type	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22
Dental		58	106	136	126
Ear Nose Throat	27	63	117	218	156
Gastro Surgery				188	172
General Surgery	17	62	131	270	116
Gynaecology		50	10	42	144
Maxillo-Facial Surgery		1	2	9	16
Ophthalmology	31	98	73	213	158
Orthopaedics		32	164	176	213
Urology	5	16	22	54	53
Total	80	380	625	1,306	1,154

Note: Procedure type was summarised by health speciality.

- For each year, provide the total spend on outsourced elective surgeries.**

Year	Spend
2017/18	\$137,665.24
2018/19	\$1,182,393.27
2019/20	\$3,470,568.43
2020/21	\$5,874,785.65
2021/22	\$5,745,074.50
Total	\$16,410,487.10

Note: Total spend is based on the invoices paid to outsourced providers.

4. For each year, provide the amount that these surgeries would have cost the DHB if they had not been outsourced."

Year	Spend
2017/18	\$424,035.45
2018/19	\$2,039,079.00
2019/20	\$3,466,120.18
2020/21	\$6,135,741.45
2021/22	\$5,884,906.82
Total	\$17,949,882.91

Note: The costs are an estimate based on the volume of outsourced surgeries (Question 2) and the average cost of procedures if not outsourced. Average cost was calculated based on surgeries completed at MidCentral (not outsourced) during the 2021/22 financial year.

Please note that this response, or an edited version of this response, may be published on the MidCentral DHB website 10 working days after your receipt of this response.

Yours sincerely



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