

Jaime Thatcher Via email: <u>fyi-request-21225-d1b10652@requests.fyi.org.nz</u>

Ref: HNZ00007598 – use of funds

Dear Jaime

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 request for information on the use of funds that result from staffing under the required FTE at Palmerston North Hospital and where the money that was allocated goes. Health New Zealand Te Pae Hauora o Ruahine o Tararua | MidCentral (previously MidCentral District Health Board) responds as follows:

Time required to meet available patient demand will come from either staff rostering, overtime or by redeploying staff in departments where they have lower patient demand. This does not generally result in a net cost saving.

If you are not satisfied with this response, you have the right to raise any concerns regarding our response with the Ombudsman – <u>www.ombudsman.parliament.nz</u> or 0800 802 602.

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

Yours sincerely

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