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Dear Marie

**Re: Official Information Act request - DHBs' process for allocating, monitoring and reporting the annual DHB Rural Adjuster fund**

Thank you for your Official Information Act request dated 28 February 2019 seeking the above information from Auckland and Waitemata DHBs. We have outlined our response to each question below:

- 1. *For each of the past three years ending June 2016, June 2017 and June 2018 what was the DHBs Rural Adjuster funding component of the PBFF funding pool?***

This information will be provided by the Ministry of Health on behalf of all DHBs.

- 2. *Does the DHB fund and provide rural hospital services?***

No. Auckland DHB and Waitemata DHB do not fund or provide rural hospital services.

- 3. *Does the DHB fund and provide rural community services?  
If yes, continue to answer questions 3.1, 3.2 and 3.3. If no, go to question 4***

**Yes. Auckland DHB and Waitemata DHB do fund and provide rural community services.**

- 3.1 *Provide the following information about the rural community services in your DHB.  
If there are none, please report this.***

- *Location of services*
- *List of Community services in each location*
- *The business structure of the service provider eg. DHB owned and operated / NGO or Iwi owned and operated*
- *Annual Budget.*

Auckland DHB	Location of Services	Business Structure	Annual Budget
<b>Whanau Ora - Supporting Families and Whanau:</b> Piritahi Hau Ora Trust –Tamariki Ora-Well Child Service	Waiheke Island	Trust	\$110,097.72 (2018/19)
<b>Community Services:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Needs Assessments and coordination of care alongside assisting those with health difficulties maintaining independence in their own homes</li> <li>School based services</li> <li>Primary Care Psychosocial services</li> <li>Emergency Dental</li> <li>Home based support for Palliative and Terminal care</li> <li>Health Emergency Management and Planning</li> <li>Well Child Services</li> <li>Community Mental Health</li> <li>Opioid Substitution Service - Consume on Premises</li> </ul> Additional funding support is also provided to the Aotea Health Practice Team.	Aotea Health, Great Barrier Island	GP owned rural general practice	\$716,670.00 (2018/19)
<b>Community health Services:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Allied Health Services; physiotherapy, occupational therapy, social work, speech and language therapy, podiatry, dietetics</li> <li>District community nursing</li> <li>Meals on Wheels service</li> <li>Pre-school and school based health services</li> <li>Specialist palliative care</li> <li>Specialist community services e.g. enteral feeding, continence education</li> </ul>	Waiheke Island	Funding is provided through a local charitable trust, Waiheke Health Trust.	\$602,617 (2018-19)
<b>Pharmacy Services – Great Barrier Island:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rural support</li> </ul>	Great Barrier Island	Pharmacist owned	\$33,422.22 (2018/19)
<b>DHB funded Rural Alliance project: Rural Point of Care Testing Service (R-POCT)</b>	Aotea Health, Great Barrier Island Ostend Medical Centre, Piritahi Hau Ora and Oneroa	GP owned rural general practices	\$400,000 over three years (includes capex and opex costs)

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	Accident and Medical, Waiheke Island		
<b>DHB funded Rural Alliance project:</b> Administering Ferinject without cost to patients	Aotea Health, Great Barrier Island Ostend Medical Centre, Piritahi Hau Ora and Oneroa Accident and Medical	GP owned rural general practices	\$7,530.00 (2018/19) Funded through POAC
<b>DHB funded Rural Alliance project:</b> Great Barrier Island digital x-ray upgrade and nurse training to take limited x-rays	Aotea Health, Great Barrier Island	GP owned rural general practice	\$78,250.00 (includes capex and opex for 2018-19)
<b>Community Services on Waiheke Island:</b> Provision of community based venesection service (Agreement from DHB through PHO)	Waiheke Island	GP owned rural general practices	\$4,136.28 (2018/19)
<b>Community Services:</b> Additional funding to provide free After hours visits for rural Under 13s patients (Under 14's from 1 Dec 18)	Great Barrier and Waiheke Islands	GP owned rural general practices	\$26,576.22 (July 18 to Sept 19)
<b>Community Services through Waiheke Health Trust:</b> Well Child Tamariki Ora services provided on Waiheke Island	Waiheke Island	Community based charitable Trust	\$105,263.67 2018/19
<b>Home and Community Support Services (HCSS):</b> Aotea Family Support Group – Health of Older People Aotea Family Support Group – Long Term Support and Chronic Health Conditions	Great Barrier Island	Charitable Trust	(total payments) \$187,359.22 2017/18 \$6,544.50 (2017/18)
<b>Home and Community Support Services (HCSS):</b> Waiheke Health Trust – Health of Older People Waiheke Health Trust – Long Term Support and Chronic Health Conditions	Waiheke Island	Charitable Trust	(total payments) \$94,668.00 2017/18 \$3,887.35 (2017/18)

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<b>Alcohol and Drug (AOD) Community Services:</b> Supported through Piritahi Hau Ora Trust	Waiheke Island	Community Trust	\$321,822.41 2018/19
<b>Combined Dental Agreement</b> Stretton & Associates Limited t/a Oneroa Dental Surgery	Waiheke Island	Limited Liability Company	\$3,191.73
<b>Combined Dental Agreement</b> Waiheke Dental Centre Limited	Waiheke Island	Limited Liability Company	\$81,811.48
<b>Community Services through Waiheke High School:</b> School Based Health Services – salary to support a nurse, professional development, clinical and medical supplies	Waiheke	Waiheke College Board of Trustees	\$78,730.74 2018/2019

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<b>Whanau Ora - Supporting Families and Whanau:</b> Te Runanga O Ngati Whatua – Mobile Nursing Service, Tamariki Ora-Well Child, Kaimanaaki, Mental Health Community Rehabilitation Service, AOD counselling, Quit Smoking Coaches, Maori Public Health, Home Based Support Services, Outreach Immunisations, Before School Checks, Bowel Screening	Wellsford, Helensville	Maori Provider – Te Ha Oranga	\$961,932.38 (2018/19)
<b>Community Services through Coast to Coast Health Care:</b> After hours, Accident and Emergency Services for North Rodney to South Kaipara (this is in addition to the Rural After Hours Funding stream within the PHO Services Agreement)	North Rodney to South Kaipara	GP-owned rural general practice	\$613,962.33 (2018/19)
<b>Community Services through Coast to Coast Health Care:</b> Additional funding to provide free after hours visits for rural under-13s patients (Under 14s from 1 Dec 2018)	Coast to Coast Health Care's Wellsford practice and satellites	GP-owned rural general practice	\$108,901.20 (July 18 to Sept 19)
<b>Community Services through West Rodney/Kaipara Rural Practices</b> Additional funding to provide free after hours	West Rodney/Kaipara practices	GP-owned rural general practices	\$111,533.58 (July 18 to Sept 19)

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visits for rural under-13s patients (Under 14s from 1 Dec 18) (Agreement from DHB through PHO)			
<b>Community Services through Coast to Coast Health Care:</b> Provision of community based venesection service (Agreement from DHB through PHO)	Coast to Coast Health Care's Wellsford practice and satellites	GP-owned rural general practice	\$5,657.28 (2018/19)
<b>Community Services through Coast to Coast Health Care:</b> Provision of radiology services (Agreement from DHB through PHO)	Coast to Coast Health Care's Wellsford practice	GP-owned rural general practice	\$57,138.24 (2018/19)
<b>DHB-funded Rural Alliance project:</b> Rural Point of Care Testing Service (R-POCT)	Wellsford, Warkworth, West Rodney	GP-owned rural general practices	\$1,024,518.00 over 2.5 years (includes capex and opex costs)
<b>DHB-funded Rural Alliance project:</b> Administering Ferinject without cost to patients	Wellsford, Warkworth, West Rodney	GP-owned rural general practices	\$42,670.00 (2018/19) Funded through POAC
<b>Community Services through Coast to Coast Health Care:</b> Pregnancy and Parenting services	North Rodney to South Kaipara	GP-owned rural general practice	\$19,428.86 (July 18 to September 19)
<b>Community Services through Coast to Coast Health Care:</b> Maternity facility providing inpatient maternity care for birthing, postnatal stays, and additional stay for paediatric reasons	North Rodney to South Kaipara	GP-owned rural general practice	\$157,257.01 2018/2019
<b>Community Services through Rodney College:</b> School-based Health Services – salary to support a 0.5 FTE nurse, professional development, clinical and medical supplies	Rodney	Rodney College Board of Trustees	\$48,972.50 Commenced Jan 19 to June 19
<b>Community Services through Kaipara College:</b> School-based Health Services – salary to support a nurse, professional development, clinical and medical supplies	Kaipara	Kaipara College Board of Trustees	\$78,730.74 (2018/2019)
<b>Community Services through Rodney Coast Midwives:</b> Pregnancy and Parenting Education	Rodney	Midwives-owned	\$22,863.48 (July 18 to Sept 19)

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<b>Community Services through Rodney Coast Midwives:</b> Midwifery support providing inpatient maternity care for birthing, postnatal stays, and additional stay for paediatric reasons	Rodney	Midwives-owned	\$2,603,808.70 (2018/2019)
<b>Community Services through Helensville Birthing Centre:</b> Maternity facility providing inpatient maternity care for birthing, postnatal stays, and additional stay for paediatric reasons	Helensville	Trust	\$1,315,453.00 (2018/2019)
<b>Community Services through Helensville Birthing Centre:</b> Pregnancy and Parenting Education	Helensville	Trust	\$21,634.40 (July 18 to Sept 19)
<b>Community Services through Te Ha Runanga O Ngati Whatua</b> Well Child Tamariki Ora services provided across the Rodney area	Helensville and Wellsford	Iwi Health Provider	\$133,390.00 (2018/19)
<b>Combined Dental Agreement</b> Helensville Dental Centre Ltd	Helensville	Limited liability company	\$5,565.91
<b>Combined Dental Agreement</b> Warkworth Dental Practice Limited	Warkworth	Limited liability company	\$117,914.31
<b>Combined Dental Agreement</b> KMJ Group Limited t/a Wellsford Dental	Wellsford	Limited liability company	\$74,188.11
<b>Combined Dental Agreement</b> Gopi Enterprises Ltd t/a Riverside Dental Warkworth	Warkworth	Limited liability company	\$8,287.28
<b>Combined Dental Agreement</b> Mahi Dental Limited t/a Riverside Dental Warkworth	Warkworth	Limited liability company	\$9,747.30
<b>Combined Dental Agreement</b> 32 Milestone New Zealand Limited t/a Matakana Dental Care	Matakana	Limited liability company	\$10,792.73
<b>Combined Dental Agreement</b> Lumino Dental Limited	Kaipara College	Limited liability company	\$850,912.96 Kaipara College is just one of many schools

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			visited within the Waitemata area within this agreement, so this is the total agreement amount, not the school amount.

In addition to the above, there are general practices and pharmacies that are funded in accordance with the PHO and Integrated Community Pharmacy Services Agreement respectively.

**3.2 How is the annual budget for the community services listed in the table in 3.1 set?**

The annual budget for these services is based on historical need with inflation and population-based increases applied annually for both Auckland DHB and Waitemata DHB. As new initiatives are developed and implemented, the budget is adjusted accordingly.

**3.3 How does the DHB apply the annual rural adjuster funding to the benefit of each of the rural communities listed in the table in question 3.1?**

The Rural Adjuster Funding is used to not only support the services listed in 3.1 above but also assists in the provision of DHB community services for both rural and urban communities within both districts. As such, the Rural Adjuster Funding is not allocated directly but added to baseline funding to support the delivery of community-based services for our rural populations in both Auckland DHB and Waitemata DHB.

An example of this is the additional budgets both DHBs have added to enable provider services such as Primary Options for Acute Care (POAC) to proactively support patient management/treatment in our rural general practices. The Rural Ferinject pilot project is funded through this mechanism.

Another example of this is services such as Community Alcohol and Drugs, Primary Mental Health, Dental (primary and preschool children) and Home and Community Support Services which are provided for the populations in both DHBs. Rural populations, therefore, receive these services as part of the wider district service-delivery.

**4. For each of the past three years, under each of the components of the Rural Adjuster, quantify the allocation of Rural Adjuster funding through the DHBs contracts with its contracted providers or Service Level Alliance Teams.**

- *Small hospital facilities*
- *Community services*
- *Offshore Islands*
- *Travel and Accommodation*
- *Inter hospital transfers*
- *Governance*
- *Rural GP/PHO payments*

Auckland DHB and Waitemata DHB do not specifically allocate funding under the above components (see 3.3 above).

5. *i. Does the DHB include reporting requirements specific to the use of rural adjuster funding in its contracts with service-providers whose contract includes rural adjuster funding?*

*ii. If yes, provide a list of the reporting requirements included in the DHB contracts with these providers.*

No. Auckland DHB and Waitemata DHB do not have reporting requirements specific to the use of the Rural Adjuster Funding.

I trust that this information meets your requirements. Waitemata DHB and Auckland DHB, like other agencies across the state sector, supports the open disclosure of information to assist the public's understanding of how we are delivering publicly-funded healthcare.

This includes the proactive publication of anonymised Official Information Act responses on our website from 10 working days after they have been released.

If you feel that there are good reasons why your response should not be made publicly available, we will be happy to consider this.

Yours sincerely



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