3 December 2018

RE Official information request WCDHB 9216

We refer to your request dated 27 September 2018 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act from West Coast DHB regarding Schedule H budget spent on pharmaceuticals. Specifically:

• Can you 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. Please clarify if the value includes the Pharmaceutical Cancer Treatments (PCT), and if it does, then please provide the value of the PCT component too.

The entire West Coast DHB hospital pharmaceuticals budget for the 2015/16 financial year was \$1,704,745 less \$476,826 for PCT, leading to a net hospital pharmaceuticals budget of \$1,227,919.

The entire West Coast DHB hospital pharmaceuticals budget for the 2017/18 financial year was \$2,241,867 less \$958,125 for PCT, leading to a net hospital pharmaceuticals budget of \$1,283,742.

These figures exclude rebates.

I trust that this satisfies your interest in this matter.

Please note that this response, or an edited version of this response, may be published on the West Coast DHB website after your receipt of this response.

Yours sincerely

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