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(name and contact details redacted)

Dear (name redacted)

YOUR OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT (1982) REQUEST HBDHB REF: OIA2021042

I refer to your Official Information Act request dated 15 April 2021 where you requested information from Hawke's Bay District Health Board (HBDHB). Your questions and HBDHB's response is provided below:

1. *Please can you advise whether PSMA (Prostate Specific Membrane Antigen) PET-CT is funded by the DHB or only available privately?*

Hawke's Bay DHB funds PMSA scan requests approved by the Regional PET Variance Committee only.

2. *If publicly funded, please can you advise whether there are criteria that must be met. For example:*
 - *For staging of high risk and unfavourable intermediate risk prostate cancer before definitive local therapy.*
 - *For restaging of PSA recurrence (≥ 0.2 ng/ml).*

The Regional PET Variance Committee criteria is provided below:

Prostate	PROS1	Updated Nov '19	PSMA PET in High Risk Prostate Cancer (PSA>20, Gleason ≥ 8 , T3a) to determine if patient is a candidate for radical prostatectomy and has been discussed at the Urology MDM.
	PROS2	Updated Nov '19	PSMA PET, Biochemical recurrence (PSA > 0.5) after definitive treatment, Conventional Imaging Indeterminate and has been discussed at the Urology MDM.

I trust this information meets your needs. If you would like any further information or clarification please phone me. If you are not satisfied with this response you may contact the Office of the Ombudsman, phone 0800 802 602.

Please note that this response, or an edited version of this response, may be published on the Hawke's Bay DHB website after your receipt of this response.

Yours sincerely

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