

# Corporate Services



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(name and contact details redacted)

Dear (name redacted)

## YOUR OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT (1982) REQUEST HBDHB REF: OIA2021038

I refer to your Official Information Act request dated 13 April 2021 where you requested information from Hawke's Bay District Health Board (HBDHB). Your questions and HBDHB's response is provided below:

**1. How many currently registered flight nurses are employed by the DHB?**

Hawke's Bay DHB has 17 Registered Nurses who are certified to fly.

**2. What is the average remuneration of currently nurses employed by the DHB by qualification and seniority bands?**

The average salary band for Registered Nurses who are certified to fly is between \$80,000 and \$85,000.

**3. For each of the last 3 complete financial years, how many flight hours have been charged to the DHB for interhospital transfers by fixed wing aircraft?**

	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
Fixed Wing Aircraft	1,394.34	1,538.7	1,381.39

**4. For each of the last 3 complete financial years, how many flight hours have been charged to the DHB for interhospital transfers by rotary wing aircraft?**

	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
Rotary Wing Aircraft	194.45	160.57	156.73

**5. For each of the last 3 complete financial years, how much has the DHB spent with third parties for interhospital transfers by fixed wing aircraft?**

	2017/2018	2018/2019	2019/2020
	\$	\$	\$
Third party spend	403,651	594,988	290,744

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**6. For each of the last 3 complete financial years, how much has the DHB spent with third parties for interhospital transfers by rotary wing aircraft?**

Under section 14(b)(ii) of the Official Information Act (1982), a response to this question has been transferred to the Ministry of Health/National Ambulance Sector Office (NASO) who hold contracts for DHB rotary services.

**7. For each of the last 3 complete financial years, what is the total number of flights for each destination for interhospital transfers for fixed wing aircraft?**

Location	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	Grand Total
Auckland City Hospital	34	48	32	114
Bowen	1			1
Burwood	5	6	5	16
Christchurch	12	6	18	36
Cranford Hospice	7	4	2	13
Dunedin	1	1	2	4
Eastcliffe on Orakei	1			1
Glengarry House	1		3	4
Greenlane	4		3	7
Grey Base Hospital			1	1
Hastings Memorial	453	511	548	1512
HOME	100	99	83	282
Hutt	56	54	32	142
Masterton	1	3	1	5
Middlemore	10	10	8	28
Napier	2	2	1	5
Nelson	4	7	4	15
North Shore	2	3	1	6
Oamaru			1	1
Palmerston North	72	41	65	178
Porirua	2	4	1	7
Rotorua	1	4	2	7
Southland		1		1
Starship Hospital	45	24	18	87
Taranaki Base	5	9	5	19
Taupo General			1	1
Tauranga	3			3
Tokoroa	1			1
Waiapu House	1		2	3
Waikato	12	10	17	39
Waipukurau	1			1
Wairau	2			2
Wairoa	28	36	34	98
Waitakere	4	3	6	13
Wakefield	4		3	7
Wanganui			1	1
Wellington	379	421	396	1196
Whakatane		1	2	3
Whangarei Area Hospital	1	1		2
(blank)	502	552	577	1631
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1757</b>	<b>1861</b>	<b>1875</b>	<b>5493</b>

8. For each of the last 3 complete financial years, what is the total number of flights for each destination for interhospital transfers for rotary wing aircraft?

Location	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	Grand Total
Auckland City Hospital		1		1
Christchurch		1		1
Hastings Memorial	90	86	77	253
HOME		1	1	2
Hutt	2	1	1	4
Palmerston North	2	2	2	6
Taranaki Base	1			1
Waikato		1		1
Wairoa	6	2	2	10
Wellington	35	27	33	95
(blank)	111	110	105	326
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>247</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>221</b>	<b>700</b>

Please note: the row titled 'blank' refers to database errors where a service was utilised, but the location was not captured properly.

9. *What metrics does the DHB use to measure service performance of service providers providing interhospital transfer services to the DHB for fixed wing aircraft?*

Hawke's Bay DHB requires provider/s to complete a quarterly reporting template which details a raft of data such as maintenance history, including unscheduled maintenance, crew requirements, number of missions completed, flying hours, missions aborted or stood down and service transport descriptions.

**What metrics does the DHB use to measure service performance of service providers providing interhospital transfer services to the DHB for rotary wing aircraft?**

Under section 14(b)(ii) of the Official Information Act (1982), a response to this question has been transferred to the Ministry of Health/National Ambulance Sector Office (NASO) who hold contracts for DHB rotary services.

10. *What business rules or agreements are in place with other DHBs for cost sharing for interhospital transfers for fixed wing aircraft?*

The DHB does not have any rules/agreements in place in the contracts system relating to the above question.

11. *What business rules or agreements are in place with other DHBs for cost sharing for interhospital transfers for rotary wing aircraft?*

Under section 14(b)(ii) of the Official Information Act (1982), a response to this question has been transferred to the Ministry of Health/National Ambulance Sector Office (NASO) who hold contracts for DHB rotary services.

**12. What advice has the DHB provided to the Simpson Review team relating to patient transfers by aircraft?**

Hawke's Bay DHB did not offer any advice relating to patient transfers into the Simpson Review.

**13. What growth forecasts has the DHB completed or commissioned relating to interhospital transfer demand?**

Hawke's Bay DHB has not been part of any growth forecasts (completed or commissioned) relating to inter-hospital transfer demand.

**14. Who is the DHB currently under contract with to provide interhospital transfer by aircraft, when does the contract expire and what right of renewals exist within the contract?**

Under section 14 (b) (ii) of the Official Information Act (1982) the Ministry of Health accepted partial transfer of this question applying to rotary aircraft as the Ministry of Health/National Ambulance Sector Office (NASO) holds contracts for DHB rotary services.

Regarding fixed-wing aircraft, HBDHB's contract is with Skyline Aviation Limited until 30 June 2024. There are no rights of renewal.

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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