

Corporate Services



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(name and contact details redacted)

Dear (name redacted)

YOUR OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT (1982) REQUEST HBDHB REF: OIA2021084

I refer to your Official Information Act request dated 19 July 2021 where you requested information from Hawke's Bay District Health Board (HBDHB). Your questions and HBDHB's response is provided below:

- 1. In the New Zealand Government's 2019 Wellbeing Budget \$1.9 billion was allocated for the provision of mental health services across New Zealand. Of this fund how much has the HBDHB claimed for the development of new mental health and addiction services and infrastructure?***

Of the \$1.9 billion Wellbeing budget, Hawke's Bay DHB has received \$8.56m which is currently in use for Mental Health and Addiction services.

- 2. Of this fund how much has the HBDHB used for the operational costs of existing mental health and addiction services?***

The \$1.9 billion fund is termed new investment and is for new services predominantly. Mental Health and Addiction services (MH&A) are allocated annual budgets specifically for MH&A services. The annual budget Hawke's Bay DHB allocates to MH&A services is \$41 million dollars.

MH&A services additional contracts (which includes new investment from the \$1.9 billion pool) in the 2020/2021 financial year was \$2.5 million dollars. This covers services from birth to end of life in relation to MH&A services and the funding is split across community programmes, non government organisation providers, primary care, secondary specialist services (hospital and community), emergency mental health and home based treatment, addictions specific services, regional specialist services and mental health and addiction services for aged related residential care.

In late June 2021 Health Minister Andrew Little said in an interview on RNZ's Checkpoint "It's the way that DHBs account for their spending on their capital projects - they don't get reimbursed until further down the track."

- 3. If this is the case then what amount of funding is the HBDHB expecting/yet to claim from the allocated funding in the 2019 Wellbeing Budget for mental health and addiction services? What amount is for new services and infrastructure, and what amount is for operating expenses?***

Capital expenditure and operational expenditure is managed separately. This information is readily available in the DHBs annual plan - <http://www.ourhealthhb.nz/assets/Publications/HBDHB-Annual-Plan-20-21-FINAL-incl-letter-of-approval-Web-version.pdf>

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4. What other funding has the HBDHB received from the central government for the operational costs and development of new mental health and addiction services and infrastructure?

Ministry of Health central funding is the funding source for MH&A services. DHBs may access ACC funding for specific services however at this time Hawke's Bay DHB does not have any specific services funded by ACC other than claims related to individual clients.

5. What amount of HBDHB's generally allocated funds was committed to the provision of mental health and addiction services in the 2019/2020 and 2020/2021 financial years?

In the 2019/2020 financial year, Hawke's Bay DHB allocated \$39.7 million dollars to MH&A services and in the 2020/2021 financial year, Hawke's Bay DHB allocated \$41.1 million dollars to MH&A services.

Please refer to the following link for more information:

<http://www.ourhealthhb.nz/assets/Publications/HBDHB-Annual-Plan-20-21-FINAL-incl-letter-of-approval-Web-version.pdf>

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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