

21 January 2022

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Dear [REDACTED]

YOUR OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT (1982) REQUEST HBDHB REF: OIA2021175

I refer to your Official Information Act request transferred to district health boards by the Ministry of Health on 16 December 2021 where you requested information from Hawke's Bay District Health Board (HBDHB). Your questions and HBDHB's response is provided below:

- "2. Costs to the DHBs for health care provided to the Covid-positive patients, including HDU and ICU, and***
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4. Costs of the incentives / bribes, music, food, and other draw-cards at testing and vaccination centres implemented to entice people to get tested and vaccinated"

On 10 January 2022 the Ministry of Health advised DHBs that you clarified your request for information from 17 August 2021 onwards.

Hawke's Bay DHB had one COVID-19 positive case in 2021. This patient required short term emergency department assessment and treatment and was not admitted to an inpatient ward. The total cost of the ED visit was \$391.52. This cost does not include any community follow-up from Healthline or wrap around services required.

From August 2021 to December 2021 HBDHB paid \$733,811.00 on vaccination incentives covering special clinics, music, food, gift cards for receiving vaccination, spot prizes and giveaways.

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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