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Re: Official Information Act

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I am responding on behalf of Hauora Tairāwhiti (Tairāwhiti DHB) to your OIA Request of 19 June regarding priority spending and cancer treatment.

Our response:

1. What is the DHB's top 10 priorities for spending in the 2019/20 financial year?

- Implementation of the Bowel Screening programme across Tairāwhiti
- Mental Health and Addictions service review
- Mental Health and Addictions treatment centre
- Move from project to sustainable service of Te Kuwatawata Mental Health and Addictions
- Midland Region Clinical Portal IT
- Child and Youth Wellbeing programme of work
- Local Cardiology service
- Implementation of planned care
- implementation of new model of Home Care Support Services
- establishing equity in Nursing pay across the sector

2. What were the DHB's top 10 priorities for spending in each of the past 5 financial years? Each year, the DHB's priorities for spending are outlined in our Annual Plan. Annual Plans can be found on our website. Hauora Tairāwhiti priorities always reflect the government's planning priorities.

<https://www.hauoratairawhiti.org.nz/>

A list of some our main achievements are highlighted below

2014/15
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Air transport Service• Endoscopy Suite• Bariatric Surgery• BadgerNet Maternity E- patient management system• Introduction of Echosonography service

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2015/16
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implementation of WAKA values • Expansion of Bariatric surgery • Surpassing elective discharges (115% of target achieved) • Nurse Practitioner in Aged Care • Faster Cancer Treatment pathways implementation • Implementation of the Mahi a Atui in mental health and addiction clinical services • Primary Care packages of care for people treated for long term Mental Health and addiction • Discharge from secondary care to primary care management for a number of long term Mental Health and Addiction. • Expansion of local surgical options including laparoscopic urological surgery • Implementation of multi-disciplinary mortality and morbidity review group
2016/17
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tūranga Health NGO taking health services to the people, initiative looking at getting health services into work and other environments. Linked to primary care. • Te Hiringa Matua service Iwi health providers supporting women who are pregnant or with young children who face addiction issues • Health Broker to work across social sector for whanau with children at risk to ensure comprehensive approach is taken by the Health sector • Implementation of RUIA initiative with MSD to target whānau involved with gangs in providing health care services • SUDI prevention plan • Implementation of the Healthy Homes Initiative to the existing rheumatic fever prevention programme
2017/18
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Te Kuawatawata project • Medical Day unit • Winter 18 community programme • Hepatitis C eradication programme • pre and post vention Suicide prevention plan • SUDI prevention programme
2018/19
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establishment of local Cardiology services • Orthopaedic catch up programme • Suicide prevention • Care Capacity Demand Management • MRI upgrade • Move to integrated community pharmacy services agreement • recruit

3. **What has been the proportion of patients accepted for urgent diagnostic colonoscopy who received the procedure within 14 days (2 weeks) for each of the last 5 years?**
 - a. And what is the target for 2019/20?

4. **What has been the proportion of patients who received their first treatment (or other management) within 62 days of being referred with a high suspicion of cancer and a need to be seen within 2 weeks, for each of the last 5 years; and what is the target for 2019/20.**

5. **Please also provide any spending priorities or targets the DHB has to hand for the years beyond 2019/20, if those exist.**

The priorities or targets for beyond 2019/20 have yet to be set and will be dependent upon Government instructions.

6. **Any current most-recent statement of DHB priorities regarding cancer management or treatment, or concerns with that, that the Ministry has been briefed on or received any report about, oral or written, from your DHB in the 2018/2019 or 2019/20 years to date.**

On 21 June, we transferred questions 3, 4 and 6 to the Ministry of Health for nationally consistent responses, under section 14 of the Act.

If you are not satisfied with this response you may contact the Office of the Ombudsmen, phone 0800 802 602.

Please note this response, or an edited version of this response, may be published on the Hauora Tairāwhiti DHB website. Your personal/identifying information will be redacted from any responses published.

If you feel that there are good reasons why your response should not be made publicly available, we will be happy to consider this.

Ngā mihi,

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