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Ref: H202000156

Dear [REDACTED]

Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) on 14 January 2020. A copy of your full request and information in response to your questions is outlined in Appendix 1 of this letter.

On 4 February 2020, the following parts of your request were partially transferred to the Central Technical Advisory Services (Central TAS) under section 14 of the Act:

- "5. The Total funding paid under the CPSA and IPSCA contracts for the period 2014/15 to 2019/20 (again forecast for final year) by major funding category
6. The dispensings the CPSA and IPSCA contracts for the period 2014/15 to 2019/20 (again forecast for final year) by initial dispensings and repeat dispensings
7. The Total funding paid under the CPSA and IPSCA contracts for the period 2014/15 to 2019/20 (again forecast for final year) for Waitemata, Auckland, Counties Manukau, Capital and Coast, Hutt Valley, Northland and Canterbury DHBs
8. The dispensings the CPSA and IPSCA contracts for the period 2014/15 to 2019/20 (again forecast for final year) by initial dispensings and repeat dispensings, for Waitemata, Auckland, Counties Manukau, Capital and Coast, Hutt Valley, Northland and Canterbury DHBs"

You can expect a response from Central TAS to these parts of your request in due course.

I trust that this information fulfils your request. Under section 28(3) of the Act you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review any decisions made under this request.

Please note that this response, with your personal details removed, may be published on the Ministry of Health website.

Yours sincerely



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Appendix 1

| # | Requested information | Response |
|---|--|---|
| | <i>The average general practice copayment</i> <i>(a) Nationally by age band for all practices</i> | Please refer to Table 1 of Appendix 2 for this information. |
| | <i>(b) Nationally by age band for all practices excluding VLCA practices</i> | Please refer to Table 2 and Table 3 of Appendix 2 for this information. |
| | <i>(c) by age band for all practices in Waitemata, Auckland, Counties Manukau, Capital and Coast, Hutt Valley, Northland and Canterbury DHBs and</i> | Please refer to Table 4 of Appendix 2 for this information. |
| 1 | <i>(d) by age band for all practices excluding VLCA practices in Waitemata, Auckland, Counties Manukau, Capital and Coast, Hutt Valley, Northland and Canterbury DHBs</i> | The Ministry does not record this information in the requested format. For this reason, this part of your request is refused under section 18(g) of the Act as the information is not held by the Ministry and is not believed to be held by another agency subject to the Act. |
| | <i>(e) Minimum and Maximum copayments by age band for practices in Waitemata, Auckland, Counties Manukau, Capital and Coast, Hutt Valley, Northland and Canterbury DHBs</i> | Please refer to Table 5 of Appendix 2 for this information. |
| 2 | <i>National Funding paid under the PHO Services Agreement, by funding category (First Contact, u14, CSC, Care Plus, HP, SIA, Management Fees etc) for the period 2009/10-2019/20 (forecast spend for current FY is fine)</i> | Please refer to Appendix 3 for this information. This includes projections for 2019/20. |
| 3 | <i>Total general practice reported utilisation, and nurse and general practitioner reported utilisation, for the period 2009/10-2019/20 (forecast numbers for current FY is fine)</i> | Please refer to Appendix 4 for this information. Note that 2018/19 data is not available at this time and the Ministry does not produce projections for primary care utilisation. |
| 4 | <i>Total general practice reported utilisation, and nurse and general practitioner reported utilisation, for the period 2009/10-2019/20 (forecast numbers for current FY is fine) or practices in Waitemata, Auckland, Counties Manukau, Capital and Coast, Hutt Valley, Northland and Canterbury DHBs</i> | Please refer to Appendix 5 for this information. Note that 2018/19 data is not available at this time and the Ministry does not produce projections for primary care utilisation. District health board (DHB) represents the funding DHB in which primary health organisations (PHOs) have contractual relationships with. |

Appendix 2

The data below was collected in March 2019 and does not include the impact of the increase in maximum co-payment chargeable by VLCA¹ practices and CSC² practices to CSC holders that occurred on 1 July 2019. This also does not reflect any other changes in co-payments³ that may have occurred since March 2019. It also does not calculate average co-payments for all practices excluding VLCA practices in 2019.

The Ministry is in the process of collecting more updated data on GP co-payments. It is expected that the updated information will be available by the end of April 2020. As GP co-payments are published by PHOs. You may wish to request this information from PHOs directly:

<https://health.govt.nz/our-work/primary-health-care/about-primary-health-organisations>

Table 1. Summary of GP Fees 2019 (all practices)

| Age | CSC Holder | | | | | | | Non-CSC Holder | | | | | | |
|----------------|------------|---------|----------|----------|----------|----------|---------|----------------|---------|----------|----------|----------|----------|---------|
| | 0 to 5 | 6 to 13 | 14 to 17 | 18 to 24 | 25 to 44 | 45 to 64 | 65+ | 0 to 5 | 6 to 13 | 14 to 17 | 18 to 24 | 25 to 44 | 45 to 64 | 65+ |
| Average | \$0.05 | \$0.09 | \$13.34 | \$20.34 | \$20.82 | \$20.82 | \$20.27 | \$0.08 | \$0.15 | \$24.97 | \$34.40 | \$36.65 | \$36.69 | \$34.67 |

Table 2. Summary of GP fees in 2019 for CSC practices

| Age | CSC Holder | | | | | | | Non-CSC Holder | | | | | | |
|----------------|------------|---------|----------|----------|----------|----------|---------|----------------|---------|----------|----------|----------|----------|---------|
| | 0 to 5 | 6 to 13 | 14 to 17 | 18 to 24 | 25 to 44 | 45 to 64 | 65+ | 0 to 5 | 6 to 13 | 14 to 17 | 18 to 24 | 25 to 44 | 45 to 64 | 65+ |
| Average | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$12.22 | \$18.32 | \$18.34 | \$18.34 | \$18.36 | \$0.06 | \$0.09 | \$31.49 | \$41.62 | \$44.63 | \$44.69 | \$42.28 |

Table 3. Summary of GP fees in 2019 for non-VLCA, non-CSC practices

| Age | CSC Holder | | | | | | | Non-CSC Holder | | | | | | |
|----------------|------------|---------|----------|----------|----------|----------|---------|----------------|---------|----------|----------|----------|----------|---------|
| | 0 to 5 | 6 to 13 | 14 to 17 | 18 to 24 | 25 to 44 | 45 to 64 | 65+ | 0 to 5 | 6 to 13 | 14 to 17 | 18 to 24 | 25 to 44 | 45 to 64 | 65+ |
| Average | \$0.39 | \$0.79 | \$32.42 | \$41.94 | \$44.21 | \$44.33 | \$42.43 | \$0.39 | \$0.79 | \$33.51 | \$43.28 | \$46.20 | \$46.41 | \$44.40 |

¹ Very Low Cost Access

² Community Services Card

³ Change to \$13 for 14 to 17-year olds and \$19 to those 18 years and older

Table 4. Summary of GP fees in 2019, broken down by DHB

| DHB | Average GP Fees (CSC Holders) | | | | | | | Average GP Fees (Non-CSC Holders) | | | | | | |
|-------------------|-------------------------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------------------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| | 0 to 5 | 6 to 13 | 14 to 17 | 18 to 24 | 25 to 44 | 45 to 64 | 65+ | 0 to 5 | 6 to 13 | 14 to 17 | 18 to 24 | 25 to 44 | 45 to 64 | 65+ |
| Auckland | \$0.15 | \$0.20 | \$14.41 | \$22.48 | \$22.85 | \$22.85 | \$21.97 | \$0.32 | \$0.45 | \$25.57 | \$35.50 | \$37.58 | \$37.50 | \$34.84 |
| Canterbury | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$17.97 | \$24.96 | \$25.55 | \$25.55 | \$25.50 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$34.80 | \$44.20 | \$45.44 | \$45.44 | \$45.03 |
| Capital and Coast | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$12.07 | \$18.04 | \$18.42 | \$18.21 | \$17.41 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$30.18 | \$39.74 | \$43.83 | \$43.87 | \$40.63 |
| Counties Manukau | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$9.24 | \$16.73 | \$17.73 | \$17.68 | \$16.42 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$15.06 | \$24.00 | \$25.07 | \$24.99 | \$22.47 |
| Hutt | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$12.38 | \$18.30 | \$18.30 | \$18.30 | \$18.30 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$25.18 | \$32.75 | \$34.95 | \$35.03 | \$31.15 |
| Northland | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$11.00 | \$17.05 | \$17.05 | \$17.05 | \$16.90 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$14.21 | \$22.41 | \$22.49 | \$22.49 | \$21.78 |
| Waitemata | \$0.31 | \$1.04 | \$14.04 | \$20.92 | \$21.49 | \$21.52 | \$20.34 | \$0.31 | \$1.04 | \$32.32 | \$42.11 | \$46.12 | \$46.56 | \$41.04 |
| National | \$0.05 | \$0.09 | \$13.34 | \$20.34 | \$20.82 | \$20.82 | \$20.27 | \$0.08 | \$0.15 | \$24.97 | \$34.40 | \$36.65 | \$36.69 | \$34.67 |

Table 5. Summary of GP fees in 2019, broken down by requested DHBs

A. Minimum GP fees

| DHB | Minimum GP Fees (CSC Holders) | | | | | | | Minimum GP Fees (Non-CSC Holders) | | | | | | |
|-------------------|-------------------------------|---------|----------|----------|----------|----------|---------|-----------------------------------|---------|----------|----------|----------|----------|---------|
| | 0 to 5 | 6 to 13 | 14 to 17 | 18 to 24 | 25 to 44 | 45 to 64 | 65+ | 0 to 5 | 6 to 13 | 14 to 17 | 18 to 24 | 25 to 44 | 45 to 64 | 65+ |
| Auckland | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Canterbury | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$8.00 | \$8.00 | \$8.00 |
| Capital and Coast | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Counties Manukau | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Hutt | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$10.00 | \$15.00 | \$15.00 | \$15.00 | \$15.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$10.00 | \$15.00 | \$15.00 | \$15.00 | \$15.00 |
| Northland | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Waitemata | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$10.00 | \$10.00 | \$10.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$15.00 | \$15.00 | \$15.00 | \$0.00 |

B. Maximum GP fees

| DHB | Maximum GP Fees (CSC Holders) | | | | | | | Maximum GP Fees Non-CSC Holders) | | | | | | |
|-------------------|-------------------------------|---------|----------|----------|----------|----------|---------|----------------------------------|---------|----------|----------|----------|----------|---------|
| | 0 to 5 | 6 to 13 | 14 to 17 | 18 to 24 | 25 to 44 | 45 to 64 | 65+ | 0 to 5 | 6 to 13 | 14 to 17 | 18 to 24 | 25 to 44 | 45 to 64 | 65+ |
| Auckland | \$20.00 | \$20.00 | \$62.00 | \$69.00 | \$69.00 | \$69.00 | \$66.00 | \$34.00 | \$52.00 | \$62.00 | \$69.00 | \$76.00 | \$76.00 | \$68.00 |
| Canterbury | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$59.00 | \$59.00 | \$59.00 | \$59.00 | \$59.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$59.00 | \$59.00 | \$59.00 | \$59.00 | \$59.00 |
| Capital and Coast | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$50.00 | \$52.00 | \$60.00 | \$58.00 | \$56.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$54.50 | \$62.50 | \$70.00 | \$70.00 | \$67.00 |
| Counties Manukau | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$60.00 | \$60.00 | \$60.00 | \$60.00 | \$60.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$60.00 | \$60.00 | \$60.00 | \$60.00 | \$60.00 |
| Hutt | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$12.50 | \$18.50 | \$18.50 | \$18.50 | \$18.50 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$48.00 | \$49.00 | \$50.00 | \$51.00 | \$43.00 |
| Northland | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$12.50 | \$18.50 | \$18.50 | \$18.50 | \$18.50 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$32.00 | \$43.00 | \$43.00 | \$43.00 | \$40.00 |
| Waitemata | \$15.00 | \$31.00 | \$41.00 | \$56.50 | \$61.00 | \$62.50 | \$59.50 | \$15.00 | \$31.00 | \$52.00 | \$64.50 | \$65.00 | \$65.00 | \$62.50 |

Primary Care Funding Summary

Appendix 3

Capitation Funding:

| | 2009/10 | 2010/11 | 2011/12 | 2012/13 | 2013/14 | 2014/15 | 2015/16 | 2016/17 | 2017/18 | 2018/19 | 2019/20 |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| First Contact | \$539.6m | \$558.4m | \$574.9m | \$587.2m | \$596.2m | \$607.6m | \$618.9m | \$633.6m | \$654.7m | \$678.7m | \$714.0m |
| Very Low Cost Access | \$39.1m | \$41.2m | \$42.1m | \$42.8m | \$44.9m | \$46.5m | \$53.0m | \$54.8m | \$55.6m | \$75.8m | \$93.6m |
| Zero Fees for Under 6s/13s/14s | \$9.9m | \$11.8m | \$12.7m | \$14.1m | \$15.2m | \$15.7m | \$32.5m | \$33.7m | \$34.3m | \$38.6m | \$43.0m |
| CSC Scheme | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | \$37.9m | \$76.1m |
| Capitation Funding | \$588.6m | \$611.4m | \$629.7m | \$644.1m | \$656.3m | \$669.8m | \$704.4m | \$722.1m | \$744.7m | \$830.9m | \$926.7m |

Projected ¹

Flexible Funding Pool:

| | 2009/10 | 2010/11 | 2011/12 | 2012/13 | 2013/14 | 2014/15 | 2015/16 | 2016/17 | 2017/18 | 2018/19 | 2019/20 |
|------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Care Plus | \$38.5m | \$44.1m | \$49.0m | \$51.4m | \$55.0m | \$58.6m | \$61.5m | \$65.1m | \$68.7m | \$72.2m | \$76.2m |
| Services to Improve Access | \$41.4m | \$41.7m | \$42.4m | \$44.4m | \$45.9m | \$47.0m | \$48.9m | \$50.6m | \$51.9m | \$53.9m | \$56.0m |
| Management Fees | \$32.7m | \$30.6m | \$28.5m | \$28.4m | \$28.6m | \$28.8m | \$29.3m | \$30.0m | \$30.7m | \$32.0m | \$33.5m |
| Health Promotion | \$9.5m | \$9.0m | \$9.0m | \$9.5m | \$10.0m | \$10.2m | \$10.4m | \$10.6m | \$11.0m | \$11.4m | \$11.9m |
| Flexible Funding Pool | \$122.1m | \$125.4m | \$128.9m | \$133.7m | \$139.5m | \$144.6m | \$150.0m | \$156.3m | \$162.3m | \$169.5m | \$177.6m |

Projected ¹

Summary of Main Primary Care Funding:

| | 2009/10 | 2010/11 | 2011/12 | 2012/13 | 2013/14 | 2014/15 | 2015/16 | 2016/17 | 2017/18 | 2018/19 | 2019/20 |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Capitation Funding | \$588.6m | \$611.4m | \$629.7m | \$644.1m | \$656.3m | \$669.8m | \$704.4m | \$722.1m | \$744.7m | \$830.9m | \$926.7m |
| Flexible Funding Pool | \$122.1m | \$125.4m | \$128.9m | \$133.7m | \$139.5m | \$144.6m | \$150.0m | \$156.3m | \$162.3m | \$169.5m | \$177.6m |
| Main Primary Care Funding | \$710.8m | \$736.8m | \$758.6m | \$777.8m | \$795.8m | \$814.4m | \$854.4m | \$878.4m | \$907.0m | \$1,000.4m | \$1,104.3m |

Projected ¹

¹ Projected amounts for capitation funding and flexible funding pool are based on trends over the last few months.

GP and Nurse Consultation Summary by Financial Year

Number of Consultations

| Consultation Type | 2009/10 | 2010/11 | 2011/12 | 2012/13 | 2013/14 | 2014/15 | 2015/16 | 2016/17 | 2017/18 |
|---------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| GP Consultation | 12,036,213 | 11,969,163 | 12,268,541 | 12,239,254 | 12,532,152 | 12,730,600 | 13,190,137 | 13,410,315 | 13,793,483 |
| Nurse Consultation | 1,958,355 | 2,221,471 | 2,337,201 | 2,492,199 | 2,647,663 | 2,926,780 | 3,251,035 | 3,307,325 | 3,417,911 |
| Total Consultation | 13,994,568 | 14,190,634 | 14,605,742 | 14,731,453 | 15,179,815 | 15,657,380 | 16,441,172 | 16,717,640 | 17,211,394 |

Average Utilisation Per Person Per Year

| Consultation Type | 2009/10 | 2010/11 | 2011/12 | 2012/13 | 2013/14 | 2014/15 | 2015/16 | 2016/17 | 2017/18 |
|---------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| GP Consultation | 2.9 | 2.9 | 2.9 | 2.9 | 2.9 | 2.9 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 3.1 |
| Nurse Consultation | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.8 |
| Total Consultation | 3.4 | 3.4 | 3.5 | 3.5 | 3.5 | 3.6 | 3.8 | 3.8 | 3.8 |

Primary Care General Practitioner Consultation by Funding DHB

| | GP Consults | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------|-------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Funding DHB | 2009/10 | 2010/11 | 2011/12 | 2012/13 | 2013/14 | 2014/15 | 2015/16 | 2016/17 | 2017/18 |
| Auckland | 1,265,620 | 1,867,167 | 1,754,383 | 2,060,255 | 2,596,994 | 2,648,613 | 2,765,576 | 2,853,397 | 2,882,951 |
| Canterbury | 1,254,296 | 1,224,544 | 1,221,189 | 1,272,627 | 1,288,263 | 1,277,199 | 1,284,426 | 1,268,297 | 1,313,436 |
| Capital and Coast | 902,569 | 940,748 | 1,007,570 | 1,029,054 | 1,035,189 | 1,033,774 | 1,083,232 | 1,094,436 | 1,114,794 |
| Counties Manukau | 1,490,675 | 1,042,562 | 1,746,594 | 1,294,538 | 1,173,556 | 1,182,186 | 1,270,546 | 1,251,368 | 1,307,647 |
| Hutt Valley | 354,924 | 326,525 | 303,132 | 307,496 | 317,208 | 321,836 | 328,047 | 343,381 | 338,368 |
| Northland | 443,736 | 449,797 | 462,618 | 474,034 | 471,796 | 473,647 | 477,249 | 486,113 | 482,748 |
| Waitemata | 1,244,528 | 1,113,270 | 860,721 | 829,066 | 741,733 | 736,160 | 729,379 | 765,788 | 835,132 |
| All NZ | 12,036,213 | 11,969,163 | 12,268,541 | 12,239,254 | 12,532,152 | 12,730,600 | 13,190,137 | 13,410,315 | 13,793,483 |

Primary Care Nurse Consultation by Funding DHB

| | Nurse Consults | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------|----------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Funding DHB | 2009/10 | 2010/11 | 2011/12 | 2012/13 | 2013/14 | 2014/15 | 2015/16 | 2016/17 | 2017/18 |
| Auckland | 113,087 | 209,582 | 191,250 | 224,543 | 287,190 | 361,366 | 408,464 | 426,887 | 423,076 |
| Canterbury | 77,044 | 86,704 | 86,567 | 117,541 | 114,485 | 106,656 | 108,659 | 117,914 | 109,301 |
| Capital and Coast | 232,964 | 259,831 | 288,891 | 311,404 | 297,274 | 319,380 | 339,771 | 328,875 | 351,798 |
| Counties Manukau | 172,139 | 177,019 | 364,932 | 315,038 | 301,560 | 255,069 | 257,982 | 253,826 | 219,560 |
| Hutt Valley | 123,928 | 115,071 | 122,634 | 115,831 | 109,648 | 114,835 | 121,602 | 126,533 | 140,685 |
| Northland | 80,414 | 101,453 | 112,778 | 139,267 | 158,810 | 162,388 | 172,449 | 183,305 | 207,415 |
| Waitemata | 175,990 | 196,500 | 115,264 | 144,636 | 147,037 | 186,754 | 179,058 | 174,295 | 187,071 |
| All NZ | 1,958,355 | 2,221,471 | 2,337,201 | 2,492,199 | 2,647,663 | 2,926,780 | 3,251,035 | 3,307,325 | 3,417,911 |