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Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) to the Ministry of Health (the Ministry) on 23 February 2022 for the cost of the following procedures. Please find a response to each question below:

*HYSTEROSCOPY Dilation and Curettage
Vulva biopsy, labial minora à sebaceous cyst on labial minora, right side
Cervix biopsy*

The information for the cost of these procedures is not held by the Ministry but are held by the DHBs. You may want to contact your local DHB for that information. Contact details can be found on the following link: www.health.govt.nz/new-zealand-health-system/key-health-sector-organisations-and-people/district-health-boards/district-health-board-websites.

*Pap smear
Vaginal swab*

The National Cervical Screening Programme in New Zealand is not fully funded, and most women pay a co-payment for a cervical screening test. Most cervical screening is undertaken in primary care and practices set visit and procedure costs, which usually cost between \$40 and \$60. The procedure costs for cervical screening are inclusive of laboratory tests.

Lower cost cervical screening options are also available at family planning clinics: \$5 for women with a community services card, or otherwise \$32. In addition, a number of independent service providers are funded to undertake Screening Support Services and provide screening services to priority group women at no charge, those who are unscreened or under-screened.

I trust 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. The Ombudsman may be contacted by email at: info@ombudsman.parliament.nz or by calling 0800 802 602.

Please note that this response, with your personal details removed, may be published on the Ministry of Health website at: www.health.govt.nz/about-ministry/information-releases.

Nāku noa, nā



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