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Tēnā koe

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 10 September 2021 for:

“how much a medical centre gets for having a pre diabetic patient on their books? Also how much per covid injection please?”

General Practices (GPs) that are part of a primary health organisation receive funding from the government to subsidise the healthcare services they provide. This capitation funding method is based on the number of patients enrolled, not the number of times a patient visits a GP, nor what health conditions they may have. This capitation funding level is calculated based on the demographics of the enrolled patients, which includes their age and gender. You can see the capitation funding rates on our website here: www.health.govt.nz/our-work/primary-health-care/primary-health-care-subsidies-and-services/capitation-rates.

However, some GP practices are able to claim additional funding to support people with chronic or long-term conditions requiring frequent GP visits. This programme is called Care Plus and if an enrolled patient has a long-term health condition or a terminal illness a health practitioner within the practice will assess the patient for eligibility. The practice would receive extra Government funding for Care Plus patients so the practice can provide additional care at no further cost to the patient.

For a patient to be eligible for the Care Plus scheme, the patient must have two or more chronic or long-term conditions. The funding for Care Plus is set and you can view this on the Ministry's website: www.health.govt.nz/our-work/primary-health-care/primary-health-care-subsidies-and-services/capitation-rates#5. This funding is also part of capitation.

Where a DHB has assessed there is a need to provide additional support to reach a priority population, for example rural, Māori, Pacific or disabled communities, they are able to provide funding that recognises the additional resource that will be required. DHBs have a good understanding of their areas and they work with local health providers to ensure that costs are met.

Regarding your second question on how much a GP practice gets per COVID-19 vaccination, the amount a GP or pharmacy currently receive per dose of the Pfizer vaccine is as follows:

COVID-19 GP and Pharmacy Vaccination per dose	\$36.05 ex GST
COVID-19 GP and Pharmacy Vaccination-Out of Hours per dose	\$48.72 ex GST

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 website at: www.health.govt.nz/about-ministry/information-releases/responses-official-information-act-requests.

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A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Clare Perry". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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