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### Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your follow-up request ref: H20220862 under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) to the Ministry of Health (the Ministry) for:

*“What is the total value of contracts awarded to Māori Health Providers in 2021, 2020, 2019, 2018?”*

The following report summarises funding to Māori health providers by the Ministry and district health board’s (DHBs) between 2016/17 to 2020/21: <https://health.govt.nz/publication/funding-maori-health-providers-2016-17-2020-21>. Please note the definition of a Māori health provider used in this analysis is consistent with the Māori Provider Development Scheme (MPDS) definition.

*What is the total value of contracts awarded to Māori Health Providers who offer general practice services, but are under mainstream PHOs in 2021, 2020, 2019, 2018?”*

Using the data collated for the *Funding to Māori Health Providers 2016/17 to 2020/21* report referenced above, the Ministry has identified those Māori health providers who provide general practice services under Primary Health Organisations (PHOs) who themselves are not also Māori health providers (mainstream PHOs). Therefore, for the years requested, the relevant amounts are:

Year	Amount
2017/18	\$46,894,563
2018/19	\$50,747,444
2019/20	\$53,176,691
2020/21	\$59,940,340

The Ministry has identified 19 Māori health providers operating as general practices under mainstream PHOs in this data. The funding amounts include:

- Applicable PHO capitation funding linked to people enrolled with the 19 Māori health providers, such as:
  - first contact services funding
  - Very Low Cost Access (VLCA) funding
  - funding for zero fees for under 14-year-olds

- funding for people with Community Services Cards (CSC).
- Funding received from contracts outside the PHO agreement, such as MPDS funding or funding for other non-general practice services, e.g. mental health services.

Also, note that other funding provided to PHOs may be distributed to their general practices. However, this is not included in the amounts above as the Ministry has no information on how PHOs distribute this funding.

*What is the total value of contracts awarded to mainstream PHOs in 2021, 2020, 2019, 2018?*

The Ministry does not hold information relating to the total value of contracts to mainstream Primary Health Organisations (PHO) between 2018 to 2021 in the way requested. The Ministry does not normally produce and provide publications relating to the overall amount of funding that has been provided to PHOs for several reasons, including but not limited to:

- the devolution of funding to DHBs (now Te Whatu Ora)
- variations in local DHB contracts to their PHOs in response to certain high health needs
- additional contracts between DHBs and PHOs for other types of services.

This part of your request has been transferred to Te Whatu Ora Health New Zealand (Te Whatu Ora) under section 14(b)(i) of the Act. You can expect to hear from them in due course.

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](mailto: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](http://www.health.govt.nz/about-ministry/information-releases/responses-official-information-act-requests).

Nāku noa, nā



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