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Thank you for your OIA request received on 20 March 2019 via the Ministry of health requesting information under the Official Information Act 1982, regarding non-resident use of ambulance services. You requested:

1. *“How many times over the past five years did non-residents needed emergency ambulance assistance?”*
2. *How much have emergency assistance ambulance trips for non-residents cost over the past five years?*
3. *How much have non-urgent patient transfers of non-residents cost over the past five years?*
4. *What were the top five most expensive ambulance trips for non-residents?*
5. *Which districts had the most expensive ambulance costs for non-residents?”*

As stated by the Ministry of Health, they will (or may have already) provided you the information that is available for Air ambulance Helicopter Services.

All of the air ambulance services for Hutt Valley DHB (HVDHB) are co-ordinated through Capital and Coast DHB (CCDHB) whom I have received this OIA request.

All of the road ambulance services for HVDHB are provided by Wellington Free Ambulance which as a non-state sector agency, therefore is not subject to the Official Information Act.

We are declining this request for information under section 18(e) of the Official Information Act as the information does not exist within our DHB.