

3 July 2019

Thank you for your request dated 19 June 2019 requesting information under the Official Information Act 1982, regarding Priority Spending and Cancer Treatment. You requested:

1. *"What is the DHB's top 10 priorities for spending in the 2019/20 financial year?"*
2. *What were the DHB's top 10 priorities for spending in each of the past 5 financial years?"*
3. *Pls also provide any spending priorities or targets the DHB has to hand for the years beyond 2019/20, if those exist."*

The information pertaining to your request is below.

Every year Hutt Valley DHB undertakes a planning and funding process to determine how it will meet the government's health system priorities and what, if any, new investments it will make in the following year. This process informs the development of Hutt Valley DHB's Annual Plan, which is made public once it is finalised and signed by the Minister of Health.

DHBs are also required to prepare and make publicly available a Statement of Performance Expectations and an Annual Report. The Statement of Performance Expectations (usually appended to the Annual Plan) includes forecast financial statements, expected revenue and proposed expenses for each reportable class of outputs, and baseline operational measures and targets to assess our performance in the following year. The Annual Report shows our spending, operations, and performance against our Annual Plan and our Statement of Performance Expectations.

Hutt Valley DHB's Annual Plans, Statement of Performance Expectations, and Annual Reports are publicly available on its website:

<http://www.huttvalleydhb.org.nz/about-us/reports-and-publications/annual-plans-and-corporate-documents/>

Hutt Valley DHB's Statement of Performance Expectations for 2019/20 will be publicly available on our website within the next few days. Hutt Valley DHB's Annual Plan 2019/20 will be finalised and made public on our website once it is signed by the Minister of Health, which is expected later this year.

Your request for Hutt Valley DHB's "top 10 priorities for spending in the 2019/20 financial year" is therefore refused under section 9(2)(f)(iv) of the OIA in order to maintain the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers of the Crown and officials, and section 18(d) because the information will soon be publicly available.