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Tēnā koe Brian

**Official Information Request- OIA 14043 Transfer H202116983 COVID Vaccination Incentives**

The Whanganui District Health Board (WDHB) has received the transfer of your request from the Ministry of Health on 16 December 2021 under Section 14 of the OIA. You requested the following information:

2. Costs to the DHBs for health care provided to the COVID-positive patients, including HDU and ICU
4. Costs of incentives/bribes, music, food and other draw-cards at testing and vaccination centres implemented to entice people to get tested and vaccinated.

For the time period 17 August 2021 to present

**The Whanganui District Health Board response:**

2. **Costs to the DHBs for health care provided to the COVID-positive patients, including HDU and ICU**  
The Whanganui hospital has not had any COVID-positive patients.
4. **Costs of incentives/bribes, music, food and other draw-cards at testing and vaccination centres implemented to entice people to get tested and vaccinated:**
  - Incentive gifts bought cost \$90 558 for gift cards and vouchers from Jolt, Pak n Save and The Warehouse
  - Six phones were also given away pre Christmas, they cost \$9227.50 in total.

Should you have any further queries about the above information, please contact our OIA co-ordinator Anne Phoenix at [anne.phoenix@wdhb.org.nz](mailto:anne.phoenix@wdhb.org.nz)

Ngā mihi

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