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Jane Loveridge

**Via email:** Janie.o.m.elliott@gmail.com

Dear Jane

**Official Information Act Request – OIA 13236 Intraocular Lenses**

Under section 14 of the Official Information Act, the Whanganui District Health Board (WDHB) received a full transfer of your request from the Ministry of Health on 19 October 2020. You requested the following information in relation to intraocular lenses.

I would like to request the amount paid for intraocular lenses, the type of intraocular lenses purchased and the volume ordered per year for the last five years. I would like to request the amount paid for viscoelastics, surgical blades and sutures for cataract surgery.

**The Whanganui District Health Board response:**

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**Q1 the amount paid for intraocular lenses and Q3 the volumes ordered per year**

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| **Year** | **2015/16** | **2016/17** | **2017/18** | **2018/19** | **2019/20** | **2020/21 YTD 4 mths** |
| **Amount paid $** | 52,215.00 | 49,422.00 | 30,507.00 | 48,213.00 | 33,117.50 | 11,009.50 |
| **Volume** | 295 | 254 | 157 | 249 | 166 | 55 |

**Q2 the type of intraocular lenses purchased**



**Q3 (see Q1 above)**

**Q4 the amount paid for Viscoelastics for cataract surgery**

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| **Year** | **2015/16** | **2016/17** | **2017/18** | **2018/19** | **2019/20** | **2020/21 YTD 4 mths** |
| **Amount paid $** |  | 2,958.00 | 8,594.52 | 13,726.64 | 8,092.17 | 4,505.85 |

**Q5. The amount paid for surgical blades used for cataract surgery**

The only blade used for cataract surgery is the one included in the customised procedure packs. Therefore we are unable to report on these separately.  Refer to work and details on Customised procedure packs.

Alcon customised cataract procedure packs:

1 each of: ASSY, SHIP,0.9, MF30K

COVER, BACK TABLE, 50” x 90”

Drape, oph, incise 40 x 48, W/PCH

Knife, 2.75mm, clear cut DB, slit

Spears, eye, 1 spear BS

Cannula, hydrodissector, 27g, CRV

Drain, eye wick, PVA 25

Needle 20g x 1”

Needle 25g x 5/8”

Eye shield

Gauze sponge 4 x 4, x10

Syringe 3cc luerlock, x2

Instrument wipe

Spending on customised procedure packs:

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| **Year** | **2015/16** | **2016/17** | **2017/18** | **2018/19** | **2019/20** | **2020/21 YTD 4 mths** |
| **Amount paid $** | 67,966.20 | 99,854.70 | 90,777.00 | 154,687.70 | 71,425.20 | 31,750.80 |

**Q6. The amount paid for sutures used for cataract surgery**

This information is not readily available. Restrictions on being able provide this information are:

* All sutures are coded to the same GL code and therefore Ophthalmology sutures are mixed in within this.
* The sutures that are used for Cataracts are also used for other Ophthalmology procedures
* The sutures are only used for some Cataracts, not all. As such an estimated cost cannot be determined as they are not used for every procedure.

Theatre staff advised 10-0 Nylon sutures are the product used.

Procurement reports were searched for the 5 years requested by the OIA and the following results were found:

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| **Year** | **2015/16** | **2016/17** | **2017/18** | **2018/19** | **2019/20** | **2020/21 YTD 4 mths** |
| **Amount paid $** |  |  | 736.00 | 835.00 |  |  |

Should you have any further queries about the above information, please contact our OIA

co-ordinator Anne Phoenix at anne.phoenix@wdhb.org.n

Yours sincerely

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**Chief Executive**