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Dear N Vaughan

Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) OIA2020121601 – Gifts to medical staff from pharmaceutical companies

Thank you for your official information request, which was received by the Capital & Coast District Health Board (CCDHB) on 13 April 2021. You requested the following information:

- 1 Do you keep a central gift register, which records details about what gifts medical staff receive, who they are from, and the gift's value? If not, why not?*
- 2 How many staff in your DHB have accepted gifts (of any form) from pharmaceutical companies? Information from the past 2-year period is preferred, including what these gifts were, and their monetary value.*
- 3 Is there any policy in place that prevents medical staff from accepting some gifts from pharmaceutical companies? If so, please send a copy of this policy.*

In relation to disclosure of these gifts (from pharmaceutical companies):

- 4 When must medical staff disclose these gifts to the hospital or DHB? If there is a related policy, please send a copy.*
- 5 Are medical staff required to disclose these gifts to their patients? If there is a related policy, please send a copy.*

Our response to your request is below and is current with our gift register as at Tuesday, 4 May 2021.

Question 1:

CCDHB has a centralised gift register where we record details of gifts received by staff, including medical staff. It is attached as appendix one (see particularly pages 10-14). The gift register captures the:

- date of the gift(s) received
- description of the gift(s)
- name of the staff member who received the gift(s)
- an approximate value of the gift(s) received and
- the provider of the gift(s).

Question 2:

As at 4 May 2021, 82 staff members had received gifts from pharmaceutical companies over the previous two years. The gifts were received on four separate occasions, and included sponsorship for an annual education evening (over two years), one sponsorship for a staff member to attend a

haemophilia summit, and one travel sponsorship for a staff member to attend a the 2019 annual education evening.

The information is summarised in the table below:

Year	Description	Number of participants	Total Value
2019	Sponsorship meal for the 2020 annual education evening	40	\$4,000
2019	Sponsorship travel cost: 2019 annual education evening in Sydney	1	\$710
2020	Sponsorship meal for the 2020 annual education evening	40	\$4,000
2020	Sponsorship: 2020 Personalising haemophilia Summit	1	\$1,475
	Total	82	\$10,185

Question 3:

See the Sensitive Expenditure Policy attached as appendix one.

Question 4:

As per our Sensitive Expenditure Policy, all medical staff must seek approval from their manager prior to accepting any gifts.

Question 5:

CCDHB does not publicly disclose gifts from external third parties.

I trust this information fulfils your request. You have the right, under section 28 of the OIA, to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or you can free phone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely



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Attached: Appendix one CCDHB Sensitive Expenditure Policy