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**Re: Official Information Act request – Funding of DEXA Scans (MoH Ref: H202117379)
ADHB Ref: 20220112-1136**

I refer to your Official Information Act request dated 10 December 2021 to the Ministry of Health (MoH) and the transfer from the MoH to the Auckland DHB on 12 January 2022 requesting the following information:

For each DHB (except for Capital Coast) can you please tell me if publically funded bone density (DEXA) scans are available for:

- 1. all relevant Endocrinology patients**
- 2. any patient seen in a relevant subspecialty (yes/no adequate detail for both questions).**
- 3. The scan could be provided in private but the question is about who pays - the DHB or the patient. If some patients would be funded (e.g. community service card holders) please provide this information.**

Response

- 1. Are publically funded bone density (DEXA) scans are available for all relevant Endocrinology patients?**
Yes
- 2. Are publically funded bone density (DEXA) scans are available for any patient seen in a relevant subspecialty (yes/no adequate detail for both questions).**
Yes
- 3. Are publically funded bone density (DEXA) scans available if the scan could be provided in private but the question is about who pays - the DHB or the patient. If some patients would be funded (e.g. community service card holders) please provide this information.**

If a DHB patient under 1 or 2 above is referred for a bone density (DEXA) scan then the DHB covers the full cost of the scan.

You are entitled to seek a review of the response by the Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that this response, or an edited version of this response, may be published on the Auckland DHB website.

Yours sincerely,



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