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**Your Official Information Act request, reference: 20220927-1321
Botox and Dysport Data**

Thank you for your request received on 27 September 2022, asking for the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

Clostridium botulinum type A toxin (Botox, Dysport) is fully funded in Health NZ hospitals without restriction. Pharmac have reported that Auckland DHB hospital used 1813 vials of Botox and Dysport for the year ended 30 June 2021.

We would like to understand how it is being used in the hospital. Please can you or your pharmacy department provide the number of vials used for the 30 June 2021 financial year by department (Urology, Neurology, Rehab, Dermatology, Ophthalmology, any other (please specify) for each of Botox and Dysport? Please find attached a spreadsheet to help with the data collation.

Response

The data requested has been provided in the attached spread sheet.

Please note the following:

- There is a variation between the numbers in the Pharmac report and the data we are supplying under this request. This is due to the differences between the two requests. The Pharmac information was based on purchasing. This request is focused on usage.
- The data we have supplied is from the hospital pharmacy dispensing system which includes dispensing to individual patients and stock held on wards. This source is used because the hospital does not utilise an electronic prescribing and administration system or automated dispensing cabinets in the relevant specialities. This data source is being used as a proxy for usage.
- The request asked for number of vials (injections) but the provided spreadsheet for data collection asked for the dollar value. We have provided both number of vials and dollar value within the spreadsheet.

How to get in touch

If you have any questions, you can contact us at uia@adhb.govt.nz.

If you are not happy with this response, you have the right to make a complaint to the Ombudsman. Information about how to do this is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or by phoning 0800 802 602.

Nāku iti noa, nā



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1. Attachment 1 OIA 1321

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