

3 December 2021

Dear [REDACTED]

**Re: Official Information Act**

I am responding on behalf of Taranaki District Health Board (DHB) to your OIA request of 12 November 2021. You have requested the following information:

1. *How many dialysis patients since 2016 were/are from South Taranaki (1 January 2016-31 October 2021)*

In total 31 patients have travelled to New Plymouth from South Taranaki since 1 January 2016.

2. *An estimate of the cost for setting up a 3-5 seat renal unit.*

A new build cost for an incentre 6 chair satellite unit would be roughly \$4-5M to meet today's healthcare standards. This is for full in-centre care.

As much as the facility cost is a factor, staffing a specialist service unit for 3 days in South Taranaki would be even more challenging.

There are alternate self-care centres where patients look after their own dialysis when their house cannot be converted. We are unable to provide the number that would meet this criteria historically.

3. *Staffing – equipment costs*

Day to day running costs, including consumables, equipment, staffing is approx. \$3,262.00 per day.

I trust the above information answers your OIA request.

Yours sincerely



Gillian Campbell  
**Chief Operating Officer**