

9 April 2019



Official information request W19-324.

I refer to your official information request dated 21 February 2019, partially transferred to us by the Ministry of Health on 20 March 2019.

Request:

I would like to request some information around the use of NZ's ambulance services by non-residents and tourists.

Could I please find out the following (broken down into year groups):

1. How many times over the past five years did non-residents needed emergency ambulance assistance?
2. How much have emergency assistance ambulance trips for non-residents cost over the past five years?
3. How much have non-urgent patient transfers of non-residents cost over the past five years?
4. What were the top five most expensive ambulance trips for non-residents?
5. Which districts had the most expensive ambulance costs for non-residents?

The partial transfer of this OIA is for information on Inter-Hospital Transfers or air ambulances.

Response:

The information you have requested is below. Please note that we only able to easily access records back to 2016.

1. One non-resident needed an emergency air transfer in the last four years.
2. The air ambulance costs for non-residences cost \$4338.00.
3. There have been no non-urgent air ambulance transfers over the past four years.
4. As above.
5. We are answering for Wairarapa DHB.

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If you wish to discuss this response with us, please feel free to contact:

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Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Anna Cardno', with a decorative flourish at the end.

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