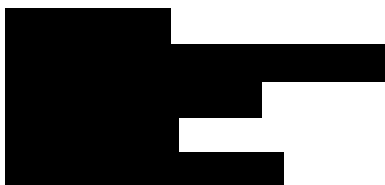


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Email: [Redacted]

Dear [Redacted]

Official Information Act (1982) Request

I write in response to your Official Information Act request, dated 09 April 2019. You requested the following information:

- 1. The number of clinical drug trials your DHB hosted in the 2017/2018 financial year + ongoing trials in 2019. Could figures please be broken-down by:**
 - *The number of sponsored clinical trials involving devices and pharmaceuticals.*
 - *Phase 1 first-man-in clinical trials, and phase 2a/b safety and efficacy trials, phase 3 broader efficacy trials, and phase 4 post-marketing surveillance.*
- 2. And whether these trials are:**
 - *Investigator-initiated or industry-sponsored commercially contracted trials.*
 - *Investigator-initiated studies of non-therapeutic interventions, e.g. new diagnostics or new applications of existing diagnostics.*
 - *Investigator-initiated observational studies including epidemiologic studies.*
- 3. Can you please also provide the aggregate income figure your DHB obtained from trials conducted in the 2017/2018 financial year.**
 - *The information sought in this request is to be used as part of a report about DHB's income from hosting clinical trials.*

The Counties Manukau District Health Board (CMDHB) does not host any clinical drug trials, and therefore obtains no revenue/ income from this source.

Clinical drug trials do occur in Counties Manukau, via the Middlemore Clinical Trials (MCT) Trust.
<http://www.mmclintrials.nz/>

This is a charitable trust, established in 2001 to promote and advance research within Counties Manukau Health (CM Health). The Trust is legally and financially independent from CMDHB and our services, but has a close relationship with us, to support access to the DHB's services and resources.

These arrangements include being located in facilities on the Middlemore Hospital site, and having a partner agreement, enabling the Trust to support collaboration in trials between a range of investigators (both in NZ and overseas), clinical experts and the patient population of the Counties Manukau Health area. This is mutually beneficial to both organisations and to our DHB services. The Trust employs its own staff, and has expertise to manage and enable clinical trials in the fields of therapeutics, devices, biotech and other medical intervention studies.

Information on the current Middlemore Clinical Trials research activity, grant funding and participant enrolment is publicly available on the Middlemore Clinical Trial website.

Dr Edward Watson (Clinical Director) has indicated he is willing to discuss with you the work of the Middlemore Clinical Trials Trust should you have further questions on their role. He can be contacted via Middlemore Clinical Trials - [REDACTED]

I trust this information satisfactorily answers your query. If you are not satisfied with this response you are entitled to seek a review of the response by the Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act.

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

Yours sincerely,



Fepulea'i Margie Apa
Chief Executive