

27 September 2018

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NZ Herald/NZME

E-mail: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

**Official Information Act (1982) Request**

I write in response to your Official Information Act request, dated 11 September. You requested the following information:

- **Any information sent, received or otherwise held by the Counties Manukau District Health Board about the implementation by the Board of a zero suicide aspirational policy or goal.**

To date, CM Health has had no discussions in relation to adopting the “zero-suicide” policy or goal.

CM Health has a strong track-record in suicide prevention activity. The “*CM Health Suicide Prevention and Postvention Plan (2016 - 2020)*” includes goals for a 20% reduction of suicide, (5% reduction per year). For further details, please refer to the “*CM Health Suicide Prevention and Postvention Plan (2016 – 2020)*” (**attached**).

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,



Margie Apa  
**Chief Executive**