

Funder: Pacific Population
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Dear [REDACTED]

Official Information Act (1982) Request

I write in response to your Official Information Act request dated 26th February 2019. You requested the following information:

- I am currently doing my research around Pasifika well-being, but looking closely at the Kiribati population in New Zealand.
- I am wondering if you would have any data or reports around some of the issues facing Kiribati people (physical and / or mental well-being).

We sought clarification about the extent of this request from you on the 1st March 2019, and you confirmed you were interested in any data for patients that were born in Kiribati who could be living in New Zealand and using health services.

We do not have any current reports exclusively related to the health issues of people of Kiribati descent in our region. We have worked with our Pasifika Health Team, and with our Health Informatics Intelligence Team to collate data related to your questions.

As at the 2013 census, the Kiribati ethnic group comprised over 2,115 people living in New Zealand, 45% of these were living in the Auckland region.

- <http://m.stats.govt.nz/Census/2013-census/profile-and-summary-reports/>

There is also more general information on the health status and issues of the wider Pacific community available via the Ministry of Health website:

- <https://www.health.govt.nz/nz-health-statistics/health-statistics-and-data-sets/pacific-health-data-and-stats>

We produce a DHB Annual Plan, and a specific Pacific Health Plan, that set agreed goals and measures that seek to improve the health outcomes for our Pacific community. These are both published on our website.

- <https://countiesmanukau.health.nz/about-us/performance-and-planning/planning-documents/>

Kiribati is one of five Pacific Island nations that are part of our Regional Pacific programme, working in conjunction with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade. This programme includes targeted support for training of clinical health professionals from Kiribati. At this time, there is no Overseas Referral Scheme (ORC) for people living in Kiribati to access NZ health services.

The CMDHB Health Informatics Intelligence Team has provided summary data related to your questions from the DHB Clinical Coding system data. We have extracted details for people who identified as being born in Kiribati and now living in the Counties Manukau district who used our DHB health services from 2016 – 2018. This used coding by ethnic group to isolate those of Kiribati descent. Please note this may not have captured all those who may have links to Kiribati, including for example people born in NZ with a mixed pacific background.

A summary of the cases identified is provided (**attached**).

Key points in the data:

- The data identified patients who identified as being born in Kiribati and now living in NZ, and who had an inpatient episode(s) at CM Health from 2016 - 2018.
- This identified 128 patients, who had 238 inpatient episodes.
- This data does not include presentations to Primary Care (general practice) and/or community providers, presentations at the Emergency Care department that did not result in an admission or community and outpatient appointments, which are not coding as hospital discharges.
- The left-hand tables show the individual demographic characteristics for all discharges.
- The right-hand tables show the discharge clinical specialties, and the principal diagnoses and procedures for each patient over the three years.

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,



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Chief Executive