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E-mail: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

Official Information Act (1982) Request

I write in response to your Official Information Act request, received by us on 8 August 2019, via transfer from the Ministry of Health, under section 14 of the Act. You noted the following information related to School-based Nursing Services, and asked a series of questions. Three of the questions were transferred to us by the Ministry for responses:

The Ministry of Health recommends the following minimum ratios:

- One full-time equivalent (FTE) Registered Nurse (RN) to 750 students in decile 1-3 secondary schools.
- One FTE RN to 200 students in high needs contexts, such as alternative education units.
- RN attendance for a minimum of one day per week in term time.

Questions:

1. How many schools have taken up these recommendations?
 - a. Where are the schools that have taken up the recommendations?
 - b. Are you able to name the schools that have taken up the recommendations?

For the Counties Manukau District Health Board, please refer to the information below.

We note that the current National Service Specification for DHBs specifies a ratio of 1 RN:750 secondary school students in Decile 1-4 secondary school, a 1 RN:200 for secondary school-age students in alternative education facilities and teen parent units; and the Service Specification does not define a minimum attendance by the Registered Nurse.

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 - a) Where are the schools that have taken up the recommendations?
 - b) Are you able to name the schools that have taken up the recommendations?

In the Counties Manukau district, the Counties Manukau District Health Board (CMDHB) funds Secondary School based health services, via a contract agreement with the schools. Schools are

allocated funds for the appropriate RN FTE level, based on their school roll size and classification, (mainstream, alternative, teen parent unit). RNs may work across more than one school.

Twenty-four (24) local secondary schools, nine alternative education units, and two teen-parent units currently have this contract arrangement in place with us. They are all located in the Counties Manukau District Health Board catchment area.

The names of the secondary schools are listed below (**table 1**). Any further details of the current status of these roles would need to be sought directly from the schools.

School	School Decile
Al Madinah School	1
Auckland Seventh Day Adventist High School	1
CEAT - Manurewa (Alternative Education)	1
CEAT - Takanini (Alternative Education)	1
De La Salle College	1
Kia Aroha College	1
Mangere College	1
Manurewa High School	1
Papakura High School	1
Papakura High School Activity Centre	1
Sir Edmund Hillary Collegiate	1
Southern Cross Campus	1
Tangaroa College	1
Tangaroa College (Alternative Education)	1
Tangaroa College (Teen Parent Unit)	1
Taonga (Teen Parent Unit)	1
Target Education (Alternative Education)	1
Te Aotea (Alternative Education)	1
Te Ara Poutama - Manukau (Alternative Education)	1
Te Ara Poutama - Manurewa (Alternative Education)	1
Te Ara Poutama - Pukekohe (Alternative Education)	1
Te Kura Kaupapa Maori O Mangere	1
Te Wharekura O Manurewa	1
Wesley College	1
Alfriston College	2
Aorere College	2
Edgewater College	2
James Cook High School	2
Te Kura Maaori o Nga Tapuwae	2
Papatoetoe High School	3
Zayed College for Girls	3
Tuakau College	4
Rosehill College	5

Table 1

Primary Schools

Our CM Health Public Health Nurses service provides school-based nursing in primary schools, including offer the following nursing support:

- Public Health Nurses support schools and whaanau in keeping students well
- Nursing assessments, treatment and referral on to other services for a variety of childhood health issues, such as skin infections and hearing loss
- Immunisation programmes, including Year 7 (11 years old)
- Ear health, including Public Health Nurse Ear clinics
- Enuresis programme
- New entrants to school assessments
- Working with schools interested in developing as Health-Promoting Schools
- Public Health advice and health information.

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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