

22nd November 2021

s9(2)(a)

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Dear s9(2)(a)

Official Information Act Request for – Bariatric Surgeries

I write in response to your Official Information Act request received by us 1st November 2021, you requested the following information:

- **By calendar year and for 2015-2020, the number of bariatric surgeries carried out and the age and ethnicity of the patients. Please include the age of the youngest patient who has received this surgery over this period.**

Counties Manukau Health Response:

For context Counties Manukau Health (CM Health) employs over 8,500 staff and provides health and support services to people living in the Counties Manukau region (approx. 601,490 people). We see over 118,000 people in our Emergency Department each year, and over 2,000 visitors come through Middlemore Hospital daily.

Our services are delivered via hospital, outpatient, ambulatory and community-based models of care. We provide regional and supra-regional specialist services i.e. for orthopaedics, plastics, burns and spinal services. There are also several specialist services provided including tertiary surgical services, medical services, mental health and addiction services.

- **By calendar year and for 2015-2020, the number of bariatric surgeries carried out and the age and ethnicity of the patients. Please include the age of the youngest patient who has received this surgery over this period.**

The following tables reflect the number of bariatric surgeries completed between 2015-2020 and broken down by age and ethnicity. The youngest patient who has received this surgery over this time period was sixteen (16) years of age.

In the ethnicity table, we have withheld the information where the numbers are equal to or less than 3 including 0 under section 9(2)(a) of the Official Information Act 1982, as withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of the individuals.

Please note that elective activity has been impacted in years 2019, 2020 and 2021 due to the Whakaari/White Island eruption and Covid-19.

Volume of Primary and Secondary Bariatric Procedures							
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total
Total Procedures	174	163	172	115	141	148	913

Total volume of Bariatric surgeries by Ethnicity							
Ethnicity	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total
Asian	≤3	≤3	≤3	≤3	≤3	≤3	6
European	83	80	82	45	63	62	415
Indian	5	4	4	6	2	7	28
Maori	47	43	50	31	45	42	258
Other	13	9	≤3	6	5	≤3	38
Pacific Islander	25	27	34	25	24	33	168
Grand Total	174	163	172	115	141	148	913

Total volume of Bariatric surgeries by Age							
Age Range	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total
<20	≤3	≤3	≤3	≤3	≤3	≤3	≤3
20-29	9	9	10	8	10	4	50
30-39	39	42	30	26	32	27	196
40-49	72	59	58	39	43	55	326
50-59	43	43	55	27	36	34	238
60-69	10	9	18	15	19	26	97
70-80	≤3	≤3	≤3	≤3	≤3	≤3	≤3
>80	≤3	≤3	≤3	≤3	≤3	≤3	≤3
Grand Total	174	163	172	115	141	148	913

I trust this information answers your request. You are entitled to seek a review of the response by the Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or Freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that this response or an edited version of this may be published on the Counties Manukau Health website. If you consider there are good reasons why this response should not be made publicly available, we will be happy to consider this.

Yours sincerely



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