

30<sup>th</sup> May 2022



### Official Information Act Request for – Commissioned Research

I write in response to your Official Information Act request received by us 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2022, you requested the following information:

- **I am formally asking for details related to the expenditure of commissioned research the Counties Manukau DHB has awarded to external organisations over the last three years. Specifically I would like to know how many external commissioned research contracts there have been, who they went to, and how much it cost.**

#### 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, over 490,000 outpatient appointments 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 national, 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.

- **I would like to know how many external commissioned research contracts there have been, who they went to, and how much it cost.**

Over the past three years we have externally commissioned three research contracts through our Ko Awatea Research & Evaluation Office. The three commissions were given to Uniservices (The University of Auckland), Moana Research and Anton Blank and the total cost was \$322,250.00.

All three commissions were pre-agreed sub-contracts on Health Research Council funded research projects.

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](http://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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'P. Watson', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

**Dr Peter Watson**  
**Acting Chief Executive Officer**  
**Counties Manukau Health**