

1<sup>st</sup> March 2022



### Official Information Act Request for – Public Sector Carbon Neutrality

I write in response to your Official Information Act request received by us 4<sup>th</sup> February 2022, you requested the following information:

1. **Do you have a carbon neutral plan by 2025, and if so, what is the official wording of it?**
2. **Do you have a carbon neutral team or committee? If so, how many are in this team, and are they trained/experts?**
3. **How much carbon do you emit/how are your carbon emissions measured?**
4. **If coal is still in use at your facilities, when do you plan to phase it out?**
5. **Have you transitioned to EVs and or/hybrids? Have you begun to downsize your fleet size?**

### 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.

1. **Do you have a carbon neutral plan by 2025, and if so, what is the official wording of it?**  
CM Health has had an environmental strategy for 10 years, the latest version is an Environmental Sustainability Roadmap which will guide us to 2026. It is currently in the final stages of review with our Executive Leadership Team.
2. **Do you have a carbon neutral team or committee? If so, how many are in this team, and are they trained/experts?**  
CM Health has one Sustainability Manager who is appropriately qualified for the role. In addition, we have an Environmental Advisory Group made up of 14 members across the organisation that meet every 6 weeks.
3. **How much carbon do you emit/how are your carbon emissions measured?**  
CM Health has done an annual measurement of two of our largest sites for the last 10 years. In FY 2021/2022 we will be adding two more sites to the measurement. We are audited by Toitu & are part of their CEMARS programme.

Financial Year	Emissions
2016/17	15465 tCO2e
2017/18	16082 tCO2e
2018/19	14519 tCO2e
2019/20	11426 tCO2e
2020/21	10944 tCO2e

**4. If coal is still in use at your facilities, when do you plan to phase it out?**

No coal is in use.

**5. Have you transitioned to EVs and or/hybrids? Have you begun to downsize your fleet size?**

We are currently in the process of this transition. A fleet optimisation occurred last year and a decision made to downsize the fleet as leases terminate. From approximately July 2022 as leases come to their end the remaining fleet will be transitioned.

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



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