

30th November 2021

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Dear s9(2)(a)

Official Information Act Request for – Pharmacist Information

I write in response to your Official Information Act request received by us 4th November 2021, you requested the following information:

- 1. The number of pharmacist prescribers employed at the DHB**
- 2. The number of pharmacy technicians who hold PACT or a level 6 qualification**
- 3. The number of merit applications broken down into pharmacists, pharmacy technicians, and pharmacy assistants at your DHB**
- 4. The number of successful merit applications broken down into pharmacists, pharmacy technicians, and pharmacy assistants at your DHB**

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. The number of pharmacist prescribers employed at the DHB

CM Health has two (2) Pharmacist prescribers. A further 3 have completed the course requirements this year and are awaiting their results.

2. The number of pharmacy technicians who hold PACT or a level 6 qualification

The number of Pharmacy Technicians who hold PACT is three (3).

The number of Pharmacy Technicians who hold a level 6 qualification is four (4).

3. The number of merit applications broken down into pharmacists, pharmacy technicians, and pharmacy assistants at your DHB

CM Health currently has 5 Pharmacists actively working towards merit progression.

4. The number of successful merit applications broken down into pharmacists, pharmacy technicians, and pharmacy assistants at your DHB

Five (5) Pharmacists successfully completed their merit applications in the past 12 months (please note, this is not the same 5 as for the question above).

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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