

6<sup>th</sup> December 2021

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### Official Information Act Request for – Live In Treatment Alcohol and Drug Residential Services

I write in response to your Official Information Act request received by us 5<sup>th</sup> November 2021 by way of partial transfer from the Ministry of Health (ref: H202114804), you requested the following information. CMDHB has been transferred questions 1 to 7 and questions 10 to 11:

1. **How many government funded Live-in treatment services (Residential services & Support houses) were there between 2015 and 2021 broken down by year? What was the number of beds abatable in these services, broken down by year?**
2. **What were the names, and locations of these facilities?**
3. **How many government funded Live-in treatment services (residential services & support houses) closed between 2015 and 2021?**
4. **What were the names of the facilities that closed, and locations of these facilities?**
5. **How many people have been on the waiting list for these facilities between 2015, and 2021. Broken down by year?**
6. **What is the average amount of time between 2015 and 2021, a person has been expected to wait for a place in these facilities?**
7. **How many of these centres both live in treatment services and detox beds closed during lockdown periods? At what level are these services allowed to operate?**
8. **What is the number of drug and alcohol detox beds available in New Zealand, between 2015 and 2021? Broken down by year?**
9. **Where are these beds located, and how many are available in each region?**
10. **What was the average wait time for a drug and alcohol detox bed, between 2015 and 2021?**
11. **On average how many people have been on the waiting list for drug and alcohol detox bed, between 2015 and 2021? Broken down by year?**

The Ministry of Health will be responding questions 8 and 9 of your request.

#### 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. How many government funded Live-in treatment services (Residential services & Support houses) were there between 2015 and 2021 broken down by year? What was the number of beds abatable in these services, broken down by year?
2. What were the names, and locations of these facilities?

In response to questions one and two, the table below reflects Live-in AOD Residential Services in Counties Manukau.

Live In Service Type	AOD Intensive		Co-existing	
	Bed #	Area	Bed #	Area
2015	10	Manurewa	8	Mangere
2016	10	Manurewa	8	Mangere
2017	10	Manurewa	8	Mangere
2018	10	Manurewa	8	Mangere
2019	10	Manurewa	8	Mangere
2020	10/0	Manurewa	8	Mangere
2021	0	N/A	8	Mangere

3. How many government funded Live-in treatment services (residential services & support houses) closed between 2015 and 2021?
  4. What were the names of the facilities that closed, and locations of these facilities?
- In response to questions three and four, one Live-in Treatment Service, AOD Service Weymouth closed during this time (Service end July 2020).

5. How many people have been on the waiting list for these facilities between 2015, and 2021. Broken down by year?
6. What is the average amount of time between 2015 and 2021, a person has been expected to wait for a place in these facilities?

In response to questions five and six. Waitlist data is not collected from the NGOs by the metro Auckland DHBs. We are, therefore, declining this aspect of your request under section 18(g) as the information requested is not held by us.

7. How many of these centres both live in treatment services and detox beds closed during lockdown periods? At what level are these services allowed to operate?
10. What was the average wait time for a drug and alcohol detox bed, between 2015 and 2021?
11. On average how many people have been on the waiting list for drug and alcohol detox bed, between 2015 and 2021? Broken down by year?

In response to questions 7, 10 and 11. Services within CM Health continued to operate during lockdown.

Drug and Alcohol detox services are Regional contracts held by both Auckland District Health Board and Waitemata District Health Board. We understand this information has been requested of them in the same request, please refer to their response.

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 black ink, appearing to read 'F. Apa', enclosed within a thin black rectangular border.

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