

30th April 2021

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Dear [REDACTED]

Official Information Act Request for – Recruitment & Supplies

I write in response to your Official Information Act request received by us 6th April 2021, you requested the following information:

- 1. Since the start of 2020 how many people have been made redundant at CM DHB?**
- 2. How many fixed term contracts been terminated?**
- 3. How many people have been employed as permanent staff?**
- 4. How many fixed term contracts have been initiated?**
- 5. How are your supplies of smart infusions, infusion sets, medications, and IV fluids?**
- 6. Are any of your supplies at critical levels? If so, what, and when will they be restocked?**
- 7. Are you able to replenish your above mentioned supplies easily?**

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. Since the start of 2020 how many people have been made redundant at CM DHB?

At CM Health, ≤3 staff members have been made redundant since the start of 2020. Exact numbers have been withheld to protect the privacy of natural persons.

We have considered whether the public interest in making the exact number available outweighs the need to protect the individual staff members but have concluded that it does not. We are, therefore, withholding this information under section 9(2)(a) of the Official Information Act 1982.

2. How many fixed term contracts been terminated?

Sixty-one (61) fixed-term contracts were completed in this timeframe. As fixed-term contracts end at an agreed completion date, this figure includes all fixed-term contracts which were completed from the start of 2020 to end of March 2021.

3. How many people have been employed as permanent staff?

From the start of 2020 to end of March 2021, 1283 new permanent staff members have been employed. The majority of these have been employed to fill existing roles in the organisation.

4. How many fixed term contracts have been initiated?

From the start of 2020 to end of March 2021, 1119 fixed-term contracts were initiated. This includes roles related to the Covid-19 response including Managed Isolation Facilities.

5. How are your supplies of smart infusions, infusion sets, medications, and IV fluids?

6. Are any of your supplies at critical levels? If so, what, and when will they be restocked?

7. Are you able to replenish your above mentioned supplies easily?

We have been advised that the Ministry of Health has/is providing responses to your questions 5 to 7.

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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