

26th July 2021

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Official Information Act Request for – Crohn's Disease Ethnicity Data

I write in response to your Official Information Act request received by us 28th June 2021, you requested the following information:

- **Total number of patients with Crohn's disease of ulcerative colitis to receive biologic treatments (infliximab, adalimumab) between 2016 and 2020 inclusive who were**
 1. **White New Zealander**
 2. **Maori**
 3. **Asian (Ideally separated into South Asian and East Asian)**
 4. **Pacific Islanders****by each ethnicity separately.**

We contacted you on the 28th June 2021 to confirm your eligibility to submit a request for Official Information under the Official Information Act 1982. You advised you did not meet the criteria; in these circumstances the agency makes a decision on how to manage the request for information. In this instance we have been able to obtain the information without disruption to our business as usual services.

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.

We have searched our records for patients discharged between 1st January 2016 to 31st December 2020 coded with Ulcerative Colitis and those patients who had 'Infliximab' included in modified clinical code description. Table 1 below reflects these patient numbers by ethnic group and by ethnicity description as per your request. Due to privacy reasons we have withheld any numbers equal to or less than 5 to protect the privacy of the individuals. Stating the exact number may make the individuals identifiable. Withholding to protect the privacy of individuals is permitted under section 9(2)(a) of the Official Information Act 1982.

Ethnic Group	Ethnicity Description	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Maori	NZ Maori	7	≤5	-	-	-
Pacific Islander	Fijian	≤5	10	-	-	-
	Samoan	-	-	-	-	≤5
European	NZ European / Pakeha	49	50	-	≤5	≤5
	Other European	≤5	≤5	-	-	-
Asian	Asian not further defined	7	7	-	-	-
	Chinese	≤5	7	≤5	-	-
	Other Asian	≤5	≤5	-	-	-
	South East Asian	-	≤5	-	-	-
Indian	Indian	≤5	8	≤5	≤5	≤5
Other	African	≤5	-	-	-	-
	Middle Eastern	≤5	≤5	-	-	-
	Not Stated	≤5	≤5	-	-	-

Table 1: Data Sourced Health Intelligence & Informatics

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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