

3rd December 2020

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Dear [REDACTED]

Official Information Act Request for – Foreign National Charges

I write in response to your Official Information Act request received by us by way of transfer from the Ministry of Health (Ref: H202007624) on the 6th November 2020, you requested the following information:

“I would like information regarding how many foreign nationals have been charged by our public health system categorized by number of charges and nationality/passport region [between April 1st 2019 to 31st March 2020] ...by charges I mean transactions.

e.g A foreign national visits Christchurch hospital due to an emergency, spends time in the bed and is medicated (possibly a minor operation is performed). At the end of the day He/She is discharged and charged/invoiced a certain amount for the services.

The example above I would consider as 1 charge.”

Counties Manukau Health Response:

- 1. How many foreign nationals have been charged by our public health system categorized by number of charges and nationality/passport region [between April 1st 2019 to 31st March 2020]**

CM Health only invoices patients who are not eligible for publicly funded healthcare services. More information around eligibility for publicly funded health services can be found on the Ministry of Health website:

- <https://www.health.govt.nz/new-zealand-health-system/eligibility-publicly-funded-health-services?mega=NZ%20health%20system&title=Eligibility%20for%20public%20health%20services>

Appendix 1 below reflects the number of non-eligible patients by country of birth who have been invoiced from 1st April 2019 – 31st March 2020 at Counties Manukau Health (CM Health).

Please note, where there are fewer than 5 patients invoiced per country of birth we have withheld the exact number and instead stated <5. This has been withheld to protect the privacy

of the individuals involved as stating the exact number may make the individual identifiable. Withholding to protect the privacy of individuals is permitted under section (9)(2)(a) of the Official Information Act 1982.

You can also find publicly available information around this topic under our “Commonly requested Subjects” section on the Official Information Act request page on our website which you can find at the link below:

- <https://countiesmanukau.health.nz/about-us/official-information-act-requests/>

I trust that 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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Appendix 1 – released under OIA06112020 MAHARJAN

Number of non-eligible patient charges by Country of Birth

Country of Birth	# of Non-Eligible Patient Charges
Afghanistan	<5
America Undefined	<5
American Samoa	13
Argentina	<5
Australia	40
Bangladesh	<5
Brazil	<5
Cambodia	<5
Canada	10
Chile	<5
China, Peoples Republic of	73
Colombia	<5
Congo	<5
Cook Islands	7
Costa Rica	<5
Czech Republic	<5
Ecuador	<5
England	7
Fiji	232
France	16
French Southern Territories	<5
Germany	19
Great Britain	10
Hong Kong	<5
India	243
Indonesia	5
Iran	<5
Iraq	<5
Israel	<5
Japan	7
Jordan	<5
Kenya	<5
Kiribati	9
Korea, Republic of (South)	8
Laos	<5
Lebanon	<5
Malaysia	7
Mauritius	<5
Mexico	<5
Nepal	<5
Netherlands	<5
New Caledonia	<5

New Zealand	31
Niue Island	6
Norway	<5
Pacific Islands Undefined	<5
Pakistan	<5
Papua New Guinea	<5
Peru	<5
Philippines	64
Poland	<5
Portugal	<5
Republic of Ireland	<5
Romania	<5
Russia	<5
Saudi Arabia	<5
Scotland	<5
Singapore	<5
Slovenia	<5
South Africa	47
Spain	<5
Sri Lanka	10
Switzerland	<5
Tahiti	<5
Taiwan	7
Thailand	5
Tonga	476
Tuvalu	6
Ukraine	<5
United States of America	41
Unknown	123
Uruguay	<5
Vanuatu	12
Viet Nam	25
Western Samoa	466
Grand Total	2102