

2nd December 2020

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Dear [REDACTED]

Official Information Act Request for – DHB Board Members – Pacific Heritage

I write in response to your Official Information Act request received by us by way of transfer from the Ministry of Health (Ref: H202008044) on the 6th November 2020. You requested the following information:

“Could you please answer how many DHB Board members have Pacific heritage, and how many DHB Board Chairs have Pacific heritage? Pacific heritage in this regard is defined as self-identification as having any Pacific heritage.”

Counties Manukau Health Response:

For context Counties Manukau Health (CM Health) employs over 7,500 staff and provides health and support services to people living in the Counties Manukau region (approx. 569,400 people). We see over 118,000 people in our Emergency Department each year, and over 2,000 visitors come through Middlemore Hospital daily.

CM Health has a total of eleven Board members including the Board Chair, seven members are elected in local government DHB elections and the remaining four are Government appointed. Each of our Board members has a biography which is publicly available on our external website. The information to which your request relates to can be found at:

- <https://www.countiesmanukau.health.nz/about-us/who-we-are/governance/cmdhb-board-members>

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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