

12th July 2021

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Dear [REDACTED]

Official Information Act Request for – Gift Registers

I write in response to your Official Information Act request received by us 7th May 2021, you requested the following information:

1. Please provide the gift registers held by the DHB for the following years: 2020, 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016.
2. Please provide records held regarding of any flights provided, paid for or subsidised by pharmaceutical or medical equipment companies to employees of the DHB (including medical professionals) in the following years: 2020, 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016.
3. Please provide any information the DHB holds regarding professional affiliations, board roles or advisory positions held by employees of the DHB (including medical professionals) in connection to pharmaceutical or medical equipment companies. If possible, break these affiliations down by the following years: 2020, 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016.

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.

- Please provide the gift registers held by the DHB for the following years: 2020, 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016.

CM Health does not centrally capture information on gifts received, it is the responsibility of each individual service to collect and capture this information of gifts given to staff exceeding \$100 in value.

CM Health has a robust Conflict of Interest Policy and a Donations, Sponsorships & Gifts Policy both of which are available to all staff via our intranet.

As per the CM Health Conflict of Interest Policy, “any Hospitality that is offered or accepted that has a value of over \$100 must be recorded in the CMDHB Gifts Register for the relevant service”.

CM Health, has a Donations, Gifts and Sponsorship policy that provides detailed guidance to staff on the appropriateness of specific interactions with third parties. The policy defines the DHB’s requirements when considering approving (or declining) offers of sponsorship, donations, gifts and corporate hospitality from external parties. The DHBs Conflict of Interest policy also provides guidance in this regard, including a gift register template.

Organisational gift registers is a frequently asked subject and information on gift registers from June 2018-2020 is publicly available in previous Official Information Act responses and can be found by searching the keyword ‘*expenditure*’ on our Publicly Released OIAs section on our external website.

Please see table 1 below as our gift register record for gifts exceeding \$100 from 2016 to June 2018.

CMDHB GIFT REGISTER - January 2016 - June 2018			
Current/former Role/ Title	Description of gift, hospitality or Benefit	Approx value	Accepted Yes/No
Clinical Nurse Specialist	Air fares, accommodation & registration	\$4,000.00	Yes
Senior Medical Officer	Research meeting	Value Unknown	Yes
Senior Medical Officer	Entertainment ASB classic Tennis	Value Unknown	Yes

Table 1 Sourced: Finance Team 09/07/2021

- Please provide records held regarding of any flights provided, paid for or subsidised by pharmaceutical or medical equipment companies to employees of the DHB (including medical professionals) in the following years: 2020, 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016.

Table 2 below reflects gifts or hospitality received in relation to flights from pharmaceutical or medical equipment companies. Please note the approximate value may not only reflect the cost of the flight and other items may be included in the value as per the description column.

Description of gift, hospitality or Benefit	Approximate Value	Year
Air fares, accommodation & registration	\$4,000.00	2016
Return flights to Wellington and 1 night’s accommodation, Stroke Nurse Specialist Symposium 2019	\$737.00	2019
Accommodation & food & transport - NZ Respiratory Workshop - July 2019	\$1,000.00	2019
American College of Rheumatology (ACR) Conference in Atlanta Georgia, USA - Nov 2019	\$15,000.00	2019
One Day conference in Wellington Oct 2019	\$300.00	2019

Return Economy flights to attend IBD Master class 2019 as an invited speaker. One night stay in Melbourne.	Value Unknown	2019
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Table 2: Data Sourced Finance Team

- Please provide any information the DHB holds regarding professional affiliations, board roles or advisory positions held by employees of the DHB (including medical professionals) in connection to pharmaceutical or medical equipment companies. If possible, break these affiliations down by the following years: 2020, 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016.

Information about professional affiliations is also submitted annually to Parliament for the Government Health Select Committee standard reviews of DHBs. Please see below the sections related to our submissions to the Committee as follows. The tables below summarises Executive Leadership Team memberships from 2016 to 2020.

In order to provide information in relation to medical professionals and individual staff members affiliations or advisory positions would require us to individually consult each service/staff member to obtain this information. We have considered whether charging or extending the timeframe for responding to this aspect of your request would assist us in managing this work and have concluded it would not. We are, therefore, declining this section of your question under Section 18(f) of the Official Information Act due to substantial collation and research.

2016/17

Directorate	Member of	Cost	Compared to Previous 3 Years
Chief Executive	The Advisory Board Company - Global Forum for Healthcare Innovation	\$45,407 (3 year membership, expires 06/20)	Unchanged
Director of Nursing	Global Nursing Executives	\$23,000 (3 year membership), expires 09/2018	Unchanged
Director of Nursing (organisation-wide membership)	The Advisory Board Company - Global e-Health	\$32,750 (3 year membership), expires 12/2017	Unchanged
Director Human Resources	Hot Spots Movement	\$28,601 (1 year subscription)	2015/16 - \$27,242
CM Health (organisation-wide membership)	The Health Roundtable	\$93,490 (1 year subscription)	Unchanged

2017/18

Directorate	Member of	Cost	Compared to Prior 3 Years
Chief Executive	The Advisory Board Company - Global Forum for Healthcare Innovation & Clinical Operations Board	\$46,315 (annual membership) Membership paid to 06/2019	Small % fee increase

Chief Nurse	The Advisory Board Global Nursing Executives	\$25,205 (annual membership) Membership paid to 06/2019	Small % fee increase
Director - Human Resources	Hot Spots Movement	\$28,601 (1-year subscription)	Unchanged
CM Health (organisation- wide membership)	The Health Roundtable	\$93,490 (1-year subscription)	Unchanged

2018/19

Directorate	Member of	Cost	Compared to Prior 3 Years
Chief Executive	The Advisory Board Company - Global Forum for Healthcare Innovation & Clinical Operations Board	\$46,315 (annual membership) Membership paid to 06/2019	Unchanged
Chief Nurse	The Advisory Board Global Nursing Executives	\$25,205 (annual membership) Membership paid to 06/2019	Unchanged
Director - Human Resources	Hot Spots Movement	\$28,601 (1-year subscription)	Unchanged
CM Health (organisation- wide)	The Health Roundtable	\$93,490 (1-year subscription)	Unchanged
Facilities	CEMARS Sustainable Business Network Climate Leaders Coalition	\$32,000 per annum \$5,000 per annum \$1000 per annum	Depends on audit length

2019/20

Directorate	Organisation	2019/20	Compared to previous 4 Years
Chief Nurse	The Advisory Board Global Nursing Executives	Membership \$25,204 (expires June 2023)	Unchanged
CM Health (organisation- wide)	The Health Roundtable Workforce Wellbeing, Improvement Group – Workforce Wellbeing Wellbeing Index user licences	1-year subscription \$93,490 (Annual subscription) \$25,083	N/A
Facilities & Infrastructure	Sustainable Business Network Sustainable Business Council (Climate Leaders Coalition)	\$5,100 \$1,000 \$20,000	N/A

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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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