

3<sup>rd</sup> March 2021



### Official Information Act Request for – Medical Repatriations & Evacuations

I write in response to your Official Information Act request received by us 9<sup>th</sup> February 2021 by way of partial transfer from the Ministry of Health (ref: H202100033), you requested the following information:

- **The total number of New Zealand citizens and permanent residents who required medical evacuation and/or medical repatriation to NZ related to the Covid-19 pandemic during the calendar year of 2020, including the country they were evacuated/repatriated from, and the cost to the Ministry of each case.**

#### 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.

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CM Health has not incurred any costs in relation to either a medical evacuation or medical repatriation of New Zealand citizens or permanent residents from other countries due to Covid-19.

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](http://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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