

19<sup>th</sup> January 2022



Dear 

### Official Information Act Request for – RMO Locum Payment

I write in response to your Official Information Act request received by us 13<sup>th</sup> December 2021, you requested the following information:

1. The amount paid to RMO locums hired through agencies or bureaus outside of the management of District Health Board (i.e. not including casual employees of the District Health Board) in the period 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021 and 1 April 2021 to 31 October 2021.
2. The amount paid to RMO locums hired through the locum bureau managed by the three District Health Boards or the NRA in the period 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021 and 1 April 2021 to 31 October 2021.

#### 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.

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Table 1 reflects the amount paid for locums hired through agencies or bureaus outside of the management of CMDHB for the time periods below.

Period	Amount Paid
1 <sup>st</sup> April 2020 to 31 March 2021	\$291,000
1 <sup>st</sup> April 2021 to 31 <sup>st</sup> October 2021	\$242,000

Table 1: Data sourced Finance

2. The amount paid to RMO locums hired through the locum bureau managed by the three District Health Boards or the NRA in the period 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021 and 1 April 2021 to 31 October 2021.

Table 2 reflects the amount paid to RMO locums hired through the locum bureau managed by the three DHBs or NRA in the time periods below.

Period	Amount Paid
1 <sup>st</sup> April 2020 to 31 March 2021	\$322,025
1 <sup>st</sup> April 2021 to 31 <sup>st</sup> October 2021	\$241,172

Table 2: Data sourced Human Resources

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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