

15th February 2021

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Dear [REDACTED]

Official Information Act Request for – Dental Provider Funding

I write in response to your Official Information Act request received by us 11th January 2021, you requested the following information:

“How much in mobile dental provider funding has been provided through the Auckland Regional Dental Service to high school mobile dental providers in the Counties Mankau catchment including but not limited to Lumino Care Dental, Smilecare Dental, West Auckland Mobile Dental Service.”

Counties Manukau Health Response:

For context Counties Manukau Health (CM Health) employs over 6,500 staff and provides health and support services to people living in the Counties Manukau region (approx. 574,260 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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The Auckland Regional Dental Service does not hold contracts with providers of adolescent oral health services. We have interpreted your request as, how much does Counties Manukau Health fund providers for adolescent oral health services. Table 1 below reflects the two providers funded for mobile oral health services for adolescents in CM Health under the Combined Dental Agreement.

Provider	Financial Year (\$)				
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021 (YTD)
Dentalcare Group Ltd (t/a Smilecare)	1.951m	2.991m	2.876m	1.659m	0.788m
Raukura Hauora o Tainui Trust	0.159m	0.176m	0.156m	0.146m	0

Table 1: Sourced Child, Youth & Maternity Services 28/01/2021

Please note when interpreting this information that this funding is not solely for mobile services and covers some activity undertaken in fixed clinics. We are unable to differentiate between the site of service provision.

The following providers are not funded for mobile services in CMH

- West Auckland Mobile Dental Service.
- Lumino Care Dental

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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