

22nd April 2021

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Email: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

Official Information Act Request for – Prostate Specific Membrane Antigen (PSMA) PET-CT

I write in response to your Official Information Act request received by us 12th April 2021, you requested the following information:

Please can you advise whether PSMA (Prostate Specific Membrane Antigen) PET-CT is funded by the DHB or only available privately?

If publicly funded, please can you advise whether there are criteria that must be met. For example:

- **For staging of high risk and unfavourable intermediate risk prostate cancer before definitive local therapy.**
- **For restaging of PSA recurrence ($\geq 0.2\text{ng/ml}$).**

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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The referral criteria are:

- a. High risk disease: PSA>20, Gleeson score >7, T3c and possible surgical candidate
- b. Biochemical recurrence: PSA >0.5, post definitive treatment and indeterminate conventional imaging

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Fepulea'i Margie Apa', written in a cursive style.

Fepulea'i Margie Apa
Chief Executive Officer
Counties Manukau Health