

14th June 2021

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Dear [REDACTED]

Official Information Act Request for – ICU Services & Eligibility

I write in response to your Official Information Act request received by us on the 13th May 2021 by way of transfer from the Ministry of Health (ref: H2020105340), you requested the following information:

A summary of the costs of hospital intensive care services provided to those not entitled to NZ free health care. The cost summary should include reference to the number of days or hours in intensive care. Can this please cover the last 3 years.

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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Eligibility information is something that is routinely requested and we publish some commonly asked questions related to eligibility on our website:

- https://www.countiesmanukau.health.nz/assets/Official-Information-Act/patient_not_eligible_for_publicly_funded_healthcare.pdf

Table 1 below reflects patients not eligible for funded healthcare who were treated in Intensive Care from January 2018 to 31st March 2021.

Year	Number of Non-Eligible Patients	ICU Hours	ICU Cost (\$)
2018	30	1492	\$732,222
2019	6	604	\$302,397
2020	14	876	\$438,849
2021 (to March 2021)	5	1427	\$714,006

Table 1: Data Sourced Eligibility Team 18/05/2021

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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