

6th November 2021

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Dear s9(2)(a)

Official Information Act Request for – ICU & CPAC

I write in response to your Official Information Act request received by us 14th September 2021, you requested the following information:

- 1. How many intensive care unit (ICU) beds are available at Auckland DHB that meet the staffing requirements outlined in the College of Intensive Care Medicine (CICM) minimum standards for Level I, II, III and Paediatric ICUs?**
See: https://www.cicm.org.au/CICM_Media/CICMSite/Files/Professional/IC-1-Minimum-Standards-for-Intensive-Care-Units.pdf
- 2. What is the DHB's current Clinical Priority Assessment Criteria (CPAC) threshold for each speciality?**
- 3. What were the CPAC thresholds over the previous 5 years and how many patients were declined treatment (FSA or surgery) due to capacity of the service to deliver?**

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.

- 1. How many intensive care unit (ICU) beds are available at Auckland DHB that meet the staffing requirements outlined in the College of Intensive Care Medicine (CICM) minimum standards for Level I, II, III and Paediatric ICUs?**
CM Health Critical Care Complex is currently staffed for 12 Intensive Care Unit beds and 6 High Dependency Unit beds. As per the College of Intensive Care Medicine (CICM), minimum standards this ensures 1:1 staffing for a ventilated patient and 1:2 staffing for an HDU level patient.

2. What is the DHB's current Clinical Priority Assessment Criteria (CPAC) threshold for each speciality?

Counties Manukau Health CPAC score Thresholds for Certainty of Treatment						
Service	Current July 2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
General Surgery	50	50	50	50	50	50
Gynaecology	70	70	70	60	60	60
ORL	70	70	70	55	55	55
Ophthalmology (Cataracts)	50	55	55	55	55	55
Orthopaedics	65	65	65	55	50	45
Plastic Surgery	75	75	75	75	75	75
Urology	70	70	70	67	67	67

3. What were the CPAC thresholds over the previous 5 years and how many patients were declined treatment (FSA or surgery) due to capacity of the service to deliver?

We do not have any reasons for declining a patient related to service capacity. We do not decline patients who are assessed above the CPAC scope and their plans of care will be tailored to their clinical condition.

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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