

8th October 2021

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Dear s9(2)(a)

Official Information Act Request for – Women’s Health Waiting Times

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

- The number of patients currently waiting for treatment, surgery or other hospital services from the DHB’s Women’s Health service department, broken down by ethnicity.

We contacted you on the 16th September 2021 to clarify if the information you were requesting was for Gynaecology. You advised on the 20th September 2021, “Yes, I am seeking the records for gynaecology patients. For these patients, could the data also please be broken down by gynaecology service as well as ethnicity?”

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.

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The tables below reflect waitlist information as at 31st August 2021.

Surgical Waitlist		Outpatient (FSA) Waitlist	
Total waitlist volume	515	Total waitlist volume	1094
Maaori	86	Maaori	151
Pacific Island	172	Pacific Island	246
Indian	46	Indian	139
Asian	32	Asian	132
European/Other	179	European/Other	426
Hysteroscopy Waitlist		Colposcopy Waitlist	
Total waitlist volume	88	Total waitlist volume	262
Maaori	14	Maaori	39
Pacific Island	30	Pacific Island	56
Indian	10	Indian	24
Asian	8	Asian	53
European/Other	26	European/Other	90

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', enclosed in a thin black rectangular border.

Fepulea'i Margie Apa
Chief Executive Officer
Counties Manukau Health