

24th September 2021

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Dear s9(2)(a)
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Official Information Act Request for – Rapid Testing

I write in response to your Official Information Act request received by us 17th September 2021, you requested the following information:

- **“In relation to the pilot of rapid testing for Covid19 currently occurring at Middlemore Hospital - I was wondering whether you are aware of the relevant authorisation under the COVID-19 Public Health Response (Point-of-care Tests) Order 2021 that is currently in effect to allow such RAT testing to occur. In particular, I am interested in whether the approval has been limited to Counties Manukau DHB only or if certain RAT testing kits have been approved generally for use by all persons.”**

Counties Manukau Health Response:

In response to your request for information, CM Health received specific approval for Rapid Testing for our DHB and have been provided the kits from the Ministry of Health for this purpose.

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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