

22nd March 2021

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Email: s9(2)(a)

Dear s9(2)(a)

Official Information Act Request for – Living Wage

I write in response to your Official Information Act request received by us 19th February 2021, you requested the following information:

1. Is your DHB currently a registered living wage employer?
 - a. If yes what factors influenced that decision
2. Are your contractors/sub-contractors currently living wage employers?
 - a. Do you require them to be?
3. Does your DHB currently have plans to become a living wage employer?
 - a. If so can you describe how far you have progressed?
4. What do you see as the obstacles to becoming a living wage employer?

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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No, CM Health is not a registered living wage employer.

2. Are your contractors/sub-contractors currently living wage employers?
 - a. Do you require them to be?

We do not hold this information as we do not require contractors/sub-contractors to be living wage employers. As this information is not held by CM Health we are declining this aspect of

your request under section 18(e) of the Official Information Act 1982 as the information requested does not exist.

3. Does your DHB currently have plans to become a living wage employer?

a. If so can you describe how far you have progressed?

No.

4. What do you see as the obstacles to becoming a living wage employer?

The DHB engages with the Ministry of Health and its union partners in discussions about wages and does not comment on the specifics of those discussions.

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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