

17<sup>th</sup> May 2021



Dear 

### **Official Information Act Request for – Asian Mental Health Spend**

I write in response to your Official Information Act request received by us 19<sup>th</sup> April 2021, you requested the following information:

- 1. Mental health spending for the Asian community by CMDHB and Auckland DHB for each of the years between 2010-2020**
- 2. Mental health spending for migrant communities (culturally and linguistically diverse people) of CMDHB for each of the years between 2010-2020**
- 3. Total DHB spending on mental health of CMDHB for each of the years between 2010-2020**
- 4. Ethnic make-up of CMDHB population, break down by percentages for each ethnic group.**

On the 21<sup>st</sup> April 2021 you advised that there was a minor error in the last question added and requested amendment as follows:

- 4. Number of patient referrals to mental health support of people of Asian ethnicity, within CMDHB over each of the years between 2010-2020.**

#### **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.

- 1. Mental health spending for the Asian community by CMDHB and Auckland DHB for each of the years between 2010-2020**

The mental health spend cannot be separated by the ethnicity of people who have accessed our services. However below in question three we have provided the Mental Health Services total spend.

- 2. Mental health spending for migrant communities (culturally and linguistically diverse people) of CMDHB for each of the years between 2010-2020**

The mental health spend cannot be separated by the ethnicity of people who have accessed our services. However, we do have a specific contract with the Refugees As Survivors New Zealand Trust (Refugee Mental Health Service) to provide mental health and addictions services. This contract includes provision of services via senior medical staff, nurses and allied health, non-

clinical staff, and cultural staff. The contracted spend during the most recent contract year (1 July 2020 – 30 June 2021) is \$1,692,182.31.

**3. Total DHB spending on mental health of CMDHB for each of the years between 2010-2020**

The total DHB spend on Mental Health for both Provider and Funder for Mental Health services for the years 2010-2020 can be found below in table 1.

Provider & Funder Mental Health Spend 2010-2020									
2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000
\$125,940	\$130,583	\$137,203	\$137,619	\$140,530	\$143,969	\$146,674	\$148,815	\$149,377	\$153,747

Table 1: Sourced Finance Team 17/05/2021

**4. Number of patient referrals to mental health support of people of Asian ethnicity, within CMDHB over each of the years between 2010-2020.**

Table 2 below reflects the number of referrals for mental health services of individuals of Asian ethnicity by year. This data is collected via the CM Health Patient Management System.

Calendar Year	Referrals_Asian Ethnicity
2010	1225
2011	1149
2012	1237
2013	1349
2014	1764
2015	2007
2016	2263
2017	2226
2018	2482
2019	2485
2020	2629

Table 2: Source CMH patient management system

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](http://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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