

4<sup>th</sup> September 2020

[REDACTED]  
**National Secretary**  
**RDA (Residents Doctors Association)**  
**PO Box 11369**  
**Ellerslie, Auckland 1542**

Email: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

**Official Information Act Request for ‘Payments to Medical Colleges’**

I write in response to your Official Information Act request received by us **21 July 2020** and your **subsequent email received on the 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2020** requesting the following information:

- **The total sum paid to each medical college by your DHB on behalf of all medical practitioners. For the avoidance of doubt, this is sums paid by the DHB directly to medical colleges and through reimbursements on behalf of SMOs and RMOs.**
- **To clarify, we are only seeking the information for the last financial year**

For context Counties Manukau Health (CM Health) employs over 7,500 staff and provides health and support services to people living in the Counties Manukau region (approx. 569,400 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.

**Counties Manukau DHB Response**

Appendix 1 contains information relating to SMOs for ‘Payments made to medical colleges or through reimbursements to CM Health-Employed SMOs for FY2019/2020’ Please note, the schedule reflects the date the claims were submitted to CMH and not the date of the invoice or renewal.

The Northern Regional Alliance (NRA) has provided data for RMOs and includes the following:

- Examinations

- Courses
- Conferences
- College Fees

The data includes expenses reimbursed directly to medical colleges and through reimbursement to RMOs.

Excluded are;

- Payments not made to medical colleges
- Where there has been doubt in the instance of reimbursements paid to RMOs, the invoice has been checked and where the invoice has not been issued by a medical college it has been excluded.

RMO reimbursements are processed on a regional basis by the NRA and charged back to the DHBs on a percentage split basis each month, dependant on DHB Head count across the region. To determine the percentage split for the financial year, the percentage split has been reviewed and the average for the year used to identify each DHBs cost for the OIA.

<b>NRA Data as at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2020</b>	
Payments made directly to colleges or through reimbursements Counties Manukau DHB – employed RMOs for FY 2019/2020'	
<b>Medical College</b>	<b>CMDHB Sum of Account</b>
Australian College of Emergency Medicine	\$ 54,955.43
Australian College of Sport and Exercise Physicians	\$635.71
Australian and New Zealand College of Anaesthetists	\$225,591.49
College of Intensive Care Medicine	\$19,766.70
New Zealand College of Public Health Medicine	\$572.10
Royal Australasian College of Dental Surgery	\$4,576.39
Royal Australasian College of Medical Administration	\$1,264.37
Royal College of Physicians	\$431,412.86
Royal College of Surgeons	\$489,277.38
Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Ophthalmologists	\$16,268.12
Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists	\$104,289.82
Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatry	\$41,341.68
Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Radiology	\$106,480.15
Royal College of Pathologists Australasia	\$27,978.34
Royal New Zealand College of General Practitioners	\$1,800.00
	<b>\$1,526,210.54</b>

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 DHB website.

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**

Appendix 1      Counties Manukau DHB

<b>Counties Manukau DHB</b>	
Payments to Medical Colleges or through reimbursements to CMDHB-Employed SMOs for FY2019/2020	
<b>Medical College</b>	<b>Amount</b>
American Academy of Otolaryngology	\$ 4,638.38
American Academy of Pediatrics	\$ 1,213.16
American College Of Cardiology	\$ 2,114.74
American Society for Colposcopy and Cervical Pathology	\$ 1,193.63
American Society of Plastic Surgeons	\$ 4,567.73
Australasian Gynaecological Endoscopy & Surgery	\$ 2,069.13
Australasian Society for Infectious Diseases	\$ 1,650.84
Australasian Society for Ultrasound in Medicine	\$ 1,376.33
Australian and New Zealand Society for Vascular Surgery	\$ 3,739.27
Australian and New Zealand Society of Nephrology	\$ 3,015.10
Best Practice Advocacy Centre New Zealand	\$ 5,754.10
Faculty of Pharmaceutical Medicine	\$ 7,431.90
Internal Medicine Society of Australia and New Zealand	\$ 2,268.86
International Conference on Intercultural Pragmatics and Communication	\$ 11,278.60
Interventional Radiology Society of Australasia	\$ 1,200.34
Medical Council Of New Zealand	\$ 373,694.10
Medical Protection Society	\$ 526,545.30
New Zealand Dermatological Society Incorporated	\$ 1,612.17
New Zealand Medical Association	\$ 4,932.87
New Zealand Orthopaedic Association	\$ 44,695.79
New Zealand Society Of Anaesthetists	\$ 50,731.40
Royal Australasian College of Medical Administrators	\$ 2,836.61
Royal Australasian College of Physicians	\$ 211,984.04
Royal Australian & New Zealand College of Obstetricians & Gynaecologists	\$ 6,055.52
Royal College of Pathologists of Australasia	\$ 12,564.06
Royal College of Physicians	\$ 1,471.51
The American Association of Gynecologic Laparoscopist	\$ 1,241.88
The Association of Salaried Medical Specialists	\$ 2,425.93
The Australasian College for Emergency Medicine	\$ 37,391.90
The Australian and New Zealand College of Anaesthetists	\$ 182,759.89
The Australian and New Zealand Society for Geriatric Medicine	\$ 4,153.66
The Cardiac Society of Australia and New Zealand	\$ 5,957.08
The College of Intensive Care Medicine	\$ 15,743.79
The European Society of Cardiology	\$ 2,586.75
The International Society of Plastic Surgery	\$ 1,109.38
The New Zealand Association of General Surgeons	\$ 2,347.85
The New Zealand Association of Musculoskeletal Medicine	\$ 1,755.33
The New Zealand Association of Plastic Surgeons	\$ 34,817.95
The New Zealand College of Public Health Medicine	\$ 9,826.08
The Paediatric Society of New Zealand	\$ 2,427.85
The Radiological Society of North America	\$ 4,984.39
The Royal Australasian College of Surgeons	\$ 192,482.99
The Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists	\$ 144,855.66
The Royal College of Anaesthetists	\$ 1,470.18
The Thoracic Society of Australia and New Zealand	\$ 5,516.00
United States and Canadian Academy of Pathology	\$ 1,017.29
	<b>\$ 1,945,507.31</b>

Table 1: Data source Leader (Payroll System) as at 30/06/2020