

19th January 2022

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Official Information Act Request for – Lab Testing

I write in response to your Official Information Act request received by us 21st December 2021, you requested the following information:

- 1. Can you please tell me what the total requests during the 12 months of 2020 were for CA-125 blood tests in your DHB region? (If you use a different reporting year calendar, that's ok - just specify the timeline).**

You amended your request on the 20th December 2021 as follows:

- 2. Amendment: In addition to the total CA-125 blood tests requested (if you don't collect data on requests, total performed is ok) in your DHB region over the 12 months of 2020 (or whatever 12 month period your reporting calendar covers, so long as you specify the timeline) - can you also please include the estimated total population your DHB serves.**

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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The number of Counties Manukau domiciled patients tested for CA-125 blood tests at CM Health and Lab Plus from 1st January 2020 to 31st December 2020 was 2,887. 523 of these tests were completed at the CM Health Laboratory for patients assessed at Middlemore Hospital.

- 2. In addition to the total CA-125 blood tests requested (if you don't collect data on requests, total performed is ok) in your DHB region over the 12 months of 2020 (or whatever 12 month period your reporting calendar covers, so long as you specify the timeline) - can you also please include the estimated total population your DHB serves.**

Counties Manukau Health funds and provides health services to 601,490 people in the Counties Manukau region.

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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