

27<sup>th</sup> October 2021

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### Official Information Act Request for – ICU Training Modules

I write in response to your Official Information Act request received by us 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2021 by way of partial transfer from the Ministry of Health (ref: H202111771), you requested the following information:

- 1. A breakdown by DHB showing how many nurses had completed the online ICU training module for nurses by August 17, and also now (most up to date figures available).**

#### 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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Our Critical Care Complex Nurse Educator was part of the National group of educators that helped develop the online modules released to DHBs on the 26th August 2021. To date, CM Health has had 37 staff enrolled in the new online training module. 12 staff members have fully completed the module with a further 25 staff members currently in progress. We are currently responding to the Covid outbreak, and are still actively encouraging our nursing staff to participate in this online ICU training module.

In April 2020 during the initial lockdown before this training module was available, CM Health put in place its own a training programme to upskill staff to be able to work in the Critical Care Complex, 19 staff enrolled to be part of this training programme and 12 staff members completed the full course which consisted of both training days and practical work in the unit.

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

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**