

18<sup>th</sup> May 2022

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### **Official Information Act Request for – Gastroenterology Information**

I write in response to your Official Information Act request received by us 29<sup>th</sup> April 2022, you requested the following information:

- 1. How many SMO Gastroenterologists have been appointed to your DHB between the dates 1st April 2020 – 1st April 2022?**
- 2. Were they employed in a sole Gastroenterology or dual Gastroenterology and General Medicine role?**
- 3. For those employed in dual Gastro/Gen Med roles:**
  - a. What was the full time equivalent (FTE) for each role?**
  - b. Did the General Medicine role include General Medicine ward cover?**

### **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 new Gastroenterology SMO appointments were made during this time period.

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 blue ink, appearing to read 'P. Watson', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

**Dr Peter Watson**  
**Acting Chief Executive Officer**  
**Counties Manukau Health**