

16<sup>th</sup> November 2021

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### Official Information Act Request for – Patient Query

I write in response to your Official Information Act request received by us on the 29<sup>th</sup> October 2021 by way of transfer, you requested the following information:

- **“I would like to know which person, Minister, Government Department or other entity allowed up to 50 patched gang members to enter Middlemore Hospital with a Police escort to take charge of the body of one of their cohorts? I understand this event occurred a few weeks ago during the level 3 lockdown.”**

### Counties Manukau Health Response:

In response to your request, we are not aware of this happening. Therefore under section 18(e) of the Official Information Act 1982 we are declining this request as the information requested does not exist.

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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