

22nd April 2021



Dear 

Official Information Act Request for – Birth Care Contract

I write in response to your Official Information Act request received by us 30th March 2021, you requested the following information:

I would like to please be advised when the first contract between the DHB and Birth Care started, and how many years they have had a contract.

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.

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CM Health has no formal contract with Birthcare. Women in New Zealand are able to birth in any public facility of their choice (not limited by residential region).

If women who are resident in the CM Health region go to Birthcare to have their baby, the funding relationship is with Auckland DHB. Eventually this will be charged back to CM Health through the inter district flow of healthcare costs.

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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