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E-mail: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

Official Information Act (1982) Request

I write in response to your Official Information Act request dated 19 June 2019. You requested the following information related to Priority Spending and Cancer Treatment:

- 1. What is the DHB's top 10 priorities for spending in the 2019/20 financial year?**
- 2. What were the DHB's top 10 priorities for spending in each of the past 5 financial years?**
3. *What has been the proportion of patients accepted for urgent diagnostic colonoscopy who received the procedure within 14 days (2 weeks) for each of the last 5 years?*
 - a. *And what is the target for 2019/20?*
4. *What has been the proportion of patients who received their first treatment (or other management) within 62 days of being referred with a high suspicion of cancer and a need to be seen within 2 weeks, for each of the last 5 years; and what is the target for 2019/20.*
- 5. Please also provide any spending priorities or targets the DHB has to hand for the years beyond 2019/20, if those exist.**
6. *Any current most-recent statement of DHB priorities regarding cancer management or treatment, or concerns with that, that the Ministry has been briefed on or received any report about, oral or written, from your DHB in the 2018/2019 or 2019/20 years to date.*

On 21 June, we advised you that we had decided to transfer questions 3, 4 and 5 to the Ministry of Health for nationally consistent responses, under section 14 of the Act.

Therefore, below are responses to the remaining requests (1, 2 and 5) for Counties Manukau District Health Board.

We note that the Counties Manukau DHB Annual Plans and Annual Reports and Statement of Performance Expectations are published on the CM Health website, and these outline our strategic intentions, commitments and performance across a range of measures each year. These are available at the following link:

- <https://countiesmanukau.health.nz/about-us/performance-and-planning/planning-documents/>

Responses to the three remaining questions are provided below:

1. What is the DHB's top 10 priorities for spending in the 2019/20 financial year?

The Annual Plan 2019/20 will outline our priorities for the 2019/2020 year. The document is currently in final draft form, pending confirmation by the Minister of Health. The overall intent is consistent with our previously signalled strategic direction, and the current government planning priorities and expectations.

The full information in the draft document is withheld at this point, as it remains subject to negotiation. We do this under Section 9(2)(j) of the Act. We intend to publish the full annual plan on our website in the near future, along with the ones from previous years.

We note that longer term signals on capital investment and priorities are provided in the Northern Regional Long-Term Investment Plan, and our Statement of Intention 2018-2022. These are both publicly available.

2. What were the DHB's top 10 priorities for spending in each of the past 5 financial years?

As noted above, our priorities over the last 5 financial years are set out in statutory documents, which are publicly available. Our annual planning processes are informed by Government direction, Ministry guidance and local consultation. These priorities are not directly ranked, or solely related to spending.

In 2018/19, our key focus was on health equity in outcomes for our communities, and fiscal responsibility. The government also outlined expectations related to infrastructure, workforce and asset management.

Delivery of clinical service priorities include (but are not limited to):

- Mental Health and Addiction Services,
- Child Wellbeing,
- Primary Health and rural health care, including planned care for management of chronic health conditions,
- Public Health services, including environmental safety and sustainability, Health Promotion, Smokefree, and various health screening services,
- We continue to address national health targets, that focus on timely access to services, and system level measures for health care.

5. Please also provide any spending priorities or targets the DHB has to hand for the years beyond 2019/20, if those exist.

Targets and priorities beyond 2019/2020 have not yet been set. These will be informed by a number of factors, including the governments Health System review, strategic intentions and specific service development opportunities, as well as our commitment to refresh our Healthy Together Strategy for 2020-2025.

I trust this information satisfactorily answers your query. If you are not satisfied with this response you are entitled to seek a review of the response by the Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act.

Please note that this response or an edited version of this may be published on the Counties Manukau DHB website.

Yours sincerely,



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