

22nd October 2020

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Dear [REDACTED]

Official Information Act Request for – Requests to Ministry of Health

I write in response to your Official Information Act request received by us 1st October 2020 in which you requested the following information:

Under the OIA may I please find out whether the DHB has applied to the MoH to:

- **increase patient/client capacity**
- **transfer current clinical services**
- **provide a new clinical service**
- **a new build**
- **a combination of the above.**

In the past 12 months, and whether this has been approved or denied.

Counties Manukau Health Response:

In regard to your request, we contacted you on the 9th October 2020 and again on the 12th October 2020. We asked you for further detail in order to understand better the scope of your request. At the date of this letter, we have not heard back from you.

As we did not receive clarification from you regarding your request, we are unable to provide specific material that relates to this request however we can direct you to our annual plan and reporting documents which outline any service change intentions that we are signalling to the Ministry of Health. These documents are publicly available on our website at the following link:

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

The process for business case development and approval is outlined on the Ministry of Health website.

Should you wish to provide us with more specific detail about your interest in this matter, please contact us again and we will consider this request.

I trust that this information is helpful. 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

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