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Official Information Act Request for – Fossil Fuels

I write in response to your Official Information Act request received by us on the 2nd September 2021 by way of transfer from the Ministry of Health (ref: H202110643), you requested the following information:

1. A list of all hospital, mental health wards, psychiatric care facilities, rest homes & healthcare facilities as well as administrative & miscellaneous buildings the Ministry of Health knows are using fossil fuels, with a breakdown of fossil fuel type, and region.
2. An outline of any plans that the Ministry of Health or Energy Efficiency Conservation Authority have to transition these institutions off fossil fuels, and the names of these institutions and the transition plan.

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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Fossil fuel boilers that are currently used at Middlemore Hospital, Manukau Super Clinic, Pukekohe Hospital and Auckland Spinal Rehabilitation Unit can be found in the below table. They are all dual fuel meaning primary reticulated gas (natural gas) and diesel for back-up.

Location	Boilers	Gas Kitchen Appliances
Middlemore Hospital	11	4 Gas Oven 1 Hob Top
Pukekohe Hospital	2	1 Gas Oven
Manukau SuperClinic	4	1 Gas Oven 1 Gas Hot Plate

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Energy Efficiency & Conservation Authority (ECCA) funded an Energy Transition Accelerator program which is being carried out by Energy NZ and the suggestions will be incorporated into the CM Health Transition Plan.

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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