

10th January 2022

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Dear [Redacted]

Official Information Act Request for – Fire Suppression Systems

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

- Please advise how many of your 20 DHB’s have fire suppression systems in your electrical switch rooms?
- If there is a fire suppression system what type of system, e.g. water sprinklers, gas flood, or other system?
- If nothing, then NIL.

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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At CM Health our electrical switch rooms are either be protected by automatic Water Sprinkler Systems or Carbon Dioxide extinguishers. The table below reflects the number of areas per site that have either a water sprinkler system or CO2 extinguishers.

Site	Water Sprinklers	No Sprinkler System - CO2 Extinguisher	Total Areas
Middlemore Hospital	34	12	46
Manukau Super Clinic	54	-	54
Awhinatea	-	2	2

Auckland Spinal Unit	5	-	5
Botany Maternity	3	-	3
Botany SuperClinic	-	2	2
Howick Home Help	1	-	1
Papakura Maternity	3	-	3
Pukekohe Hospital	6	-	6
Franklin Hospital	4	-	4
Total	110	16	126

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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