

1<sup>st</sup> December 2020

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Dear [REDACTED]

**Official Information Act Request for – Information around Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) and Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD)**

I write in response to your Official Information Act request received by us 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2020, you requested the following information:

- 1. Number of reported/diagnosed cases of ADHD by gender, by age (to also include adult category) , by ethnicity, by residential area from 2000 to 2019.**
- 2. Number of reported/diagnosed cases of ASD by gender, by age (to also include adult category) , by ethnicity, by residential area from 2000 to 2019.**
- 3. Number of ADHD patients by ethnicity and age who are on either medication, behavioral therapy or other therapy from 200 to 2019.**
- 4. Number of ASD patients by ethnicity and age who are on either medication, behavioral therapy or other therapy from 200 to 2019.**
- 5. Any other reports or information about ASD and ADHD that I can access.**

**Counties Manukau Health Response:**

In regard to your request, we contacted you on the 5<sup>th</sup> November 2020 and asked if you could narrow the scope of your request or further define the questions in your request. At the date of this letter, we have not heard back from you.

As previously mentioned to you, the information you have requested comes under our paediatric outpatient and child and youth mental health community services. There are some difficulties in responding to your request as we do not electronically collate outpatient appointments and retrieving this data would take manual review of clinical files of patients over many years. In addition, we do not have data easily available of what treatment is provided to people with these conditions and this also would take manual review of clinical files of patients from 2000-2019. We are therefore unable to provide the information requested under section 18(f) of the Official Information Act 1982 - the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation or research.

We note on the Ministry of Health website there are a number of publicly available resources, clinical guidelines and information available around attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) and autism spectrum disorder (ASD) which may be helpful to you and can be found at the following link:

- <https://www.health.govt.nz/your-health/conditions-and-treatments/disabilities>

Should you wish to provide us with more specific detail or narrow the scope of your request, please contact us again and we will consider this 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](http://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 'F. Apa', written in a cursive style.

**Fepulea'i Margie Apa**  
**Chief Executive Officer**  
**Counties Manukau Health**