

30<sup>th</sup> November 2021

s9(2)(a)

[Redacted]

Dear s9(2)(a)

### Official Information Act Request for – Pharmacist Resource Information

I write in response to your Official Information Act request received by us 4<sup>th</sup> November 2021, you requested the following information:

1. The actual number of Pharmacists – i.e. headcount and FTE
2. The actual number of Pharmacy Technicians – i.e. headcount and FTE
3. The actual number of Pharmacy Assistants – i.e. headcount and FTE
4. The number of resignations and pending resignations since 4 November 2020 broken down into pharmacists, pharmacy technicians, and pharmacy assistants.

#### 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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The table below reflects the information requested by headcount and FTE as at 14<sup>th</sup> November 2021.

Occupational Group	Head Count	FTE
Pharmacists	87	63.2
Pharmacy Technicians	25	21.65
Pharmacy Assistants	-	-

We do not have a designation of Pharmacy Assistant.

4. The table below reflects the number of Pharmacists by headcount and FTE as at 4<sup>th</sup> November 2021.

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Occupational Group	Head Count	FTE
Pharmacists	9	9
Pharmacy Technicians	1	1
Pharmacy Assistants	-	-

We do not have a designation of Pharmacy Assistant.

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](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



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