

9<sup>th</sup> May 2022

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### Official Information Act Request for – Diabetic Foot Services

I write in response to your Official Information Act request received by us 7<sup>th</sup> April 2022, you requested the following information:

- “I would like statistics on people who have diabetic foot diseases or ulcers in the counties and the percentage of males or females”

#### 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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It is important to advise that we do not hold complete data in this area. We are only able to provide inpatient data which reflects a very small proportion of the Diabetic cohort as most patients are managed in the community and only the more severe cases are seen in hospital.

The data below reflects volumes of admitted inpatients with Diabetes and lower limb ulcer coding between 2019-2021.

Volume of admitted inpatients with Diabetes & Lower Limb Ulcer Coding 2019-2021			
Sex	2019	2020	2021
Female	62	76	64
Male	116	103	87
<b>Total</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>151</b>

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 blue ink, appearing to read 'P. Watson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

**Dr Peter Watson**  
**Acting Chief Executive Officer**  
**Counties Manukau Health**