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Official Information Act Request for – Infrastructure Employment Relation Issue

I write in response to your Official Information Act request received by us 13th December 2021, you requested the following information:

1. The instance of Theft/Fraud/Dishonesty under Infrastructure referred to in the 17 November 2021 Hospital Advisory Committee meeting.
2. For reference, it is on pgs 50-51 of this meeting agenda document: <https://www.countiesmanukau.health.nz/assets/About-CMH/Board-and-committees/HAC/Combined-HAC-17-Nov-Public-Agenda-Papers.pdf>
3. Was it theft, fraud or dishonesty?
4. Was this referred to police and if so were any charges laid?

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.

The matter referred to in your request was categorised as 'dishonesty'. It was concluded through an employment relations process which we are unable to disclose due to privacy and we are withholding under section 9(2)(a) of the Official Information Act 1982, as withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of individuals including that of deceased natural persons.

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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