

24<sup>th</sup> August 2021

s9(2)(a)  
[Redacted]

Dear s9(2)(a)

**Official Information Act Request for – Abortion Services**

I write in response to your Official Information Act request received by us 16<sup>th</sup> August 2021, you requested the following information:

1. The names of the abortion providers that your Board has recently contracted to provide abortion services for women within your Board's area.
2. A copy of the contract for service with the contractors, with the names of any persons identified in the contract withheld.

**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.

In response to your request, CM Health has not recently contracted any new providers therefore there is no contract for services at this point in time.

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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