

30<sup>th</sup> November 2021

s9(2)(a)  
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Dear s9(2)(a) [Redacted]

**Official Information Act Request for – Still Births**

I write in response to your Official Information Act request received by us 17<sup>th</sup> November 2021, you requested the following information:

1. I request the recorded still births from 2019,2020 and 2021 by month please.
2. Would you also report on covid vaccinations by month for a the same time period (obviously this will show only once the vaccination programme started).

**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.

1. I request the recorded still births from 2019,2020 and 2021 by month please.

The below graph reflects all stillbirth baby outcomes (anteartum and intrapartum) for all deliveries at CM Health facilities from January 2019 to 17<sup>th</sup> November 2021. Over this time period there were 202 stillbirths out of 21,997 births.

We have withheld the information where the numbers are equal to or less than 3 (≤3) under section 9(2)(a) of the Official Information Act 1982, as withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons. We have considered whether the public interest outweighs the need to protect the privacy of individuals and have determined that it does not.

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
2019	6	5	4	9	9	11	7	5	9	≤3	4	5	75
2020	≤3	≤3	4	4	≤3	8	9	7	11	4	6	≤3	63
2021	6	8	≤3	10	5	10	4	5	5	6	≤3	-	64

2. Would you also report on covid vaccinations by month for the same time period (obviously this will show only once the vaccination programme started).

Table 2 below reflects vaccinations given by month in Counties Manukau from January 2021 to 17<sup>th</sup> November 2021. Please note this includes first and second doses.

Month/Year of Vaccine	Vaccinations Given
Jan-21	14
Feb-21	1,732
Mar-21	11,313
Apr-21	26,465
May-21	61,008
Jun-21	79,500
Jul-21	100,751
Aug-21	163,857
Sep-21	203,165
Oct-21	197,002
Nov-21*	73,106
<b>Total</b>	<b>917,913</b>

Table 2: Data Sourced Health Intelligence & Informatics

\*Not a full month of data - only to 17/11/2021

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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