

5<sup>th</sup> April 2022

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### **Official Information Act Request for – Dietitians Merit Applications**

I write in response to your Official Information Act request received by us 18<sup>th</sup> March 2022, you requested the following information:

- 1. The number of merit applications broken down into Dietitians, Dietitian Assistants, and Dietitian Interns at your DHB.**
- 2. The number of successful merit applications broken down into Dietitians, Dietitian Assistants, and Dietitian Interns at your DHB.**

We followed up with you on the 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2022 requesting the date range for your request. You responded the same day requesting information “... *Can we please ask for the information to fall under the last 12 months? 18th March 2021 to be exact.*”

#### **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. The number of merit applications broken down into Dietitians, Dietitian Assistants, and Dietitian Interns at your DHB.**

The number of Dietician merit applications for the last twelve months (18/03/2021-18/03/2022) is four with two pending.

- 2. The number of successful merit applications broken down into Dietitians, Dietitian Assistants, and Dietitian Interns at your DHB.**

We have assumed this means those who have passed CASP during the time period outlined in question one and is in addition to the above total.

Successful Merit Applications (18/03/2021 – 18/03/2022)	
Dieticians	1
Dietician Assistant	1

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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