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Official Information Act Request for – Covid-19 Testing Centres

I write in response to your Official Information Act request received by us 23rd March 2022 by way of partial transfer from the Ministry of Health, you requested the following information:

- 1. The full costs of all testing centres for covid 19..including the road cone staff and the site payments etc.**
- 2. The full costs health workers solely working with covid ..in labs or wards or anywhere else.**

Before the Ministry of Health transferred your request to us, the DHBs' Technical Advisory Service (TAS) confirmed the date range for your request was from March 2020 to 13 March 2022.

On the 28th March 2022, we transferred the first question related to the full costs of all testing centres to Auckland District Health Board, which is the agency that has oversight of the Northern Region Health Coordination Centre (NRHCC).

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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This question has been transferred to the Northern Region Health Coordination Centre.

2. The full costs health workers solely working with covid ..in labs or wards or anywhere else.

In-line with the Northern Region DHBs agreed approach to your request, we have provided full month costs to 28 February 2022 as these figures are produced as full month-end costings and are not available for the part-month to 13 March 2022.

CM Health COVID-19 Healthcare Worker Costs 01/03/2020-28/02/2022	
Payroll & Outsourced	Total personnel costs - \$
Laboratory	2,709,556
Hospital Clinical staff and Supported staff	10,190,629
Northern Regional Health Coordination Centre	638,497
Vaccination	4,799,652
Maaori Health	1,091,235
Pacific Health	396,222
Public Health	206,634
Managed Isolation Facilities/Quarantine	54,191,650
Community Self Isolation & Quarantine	618,599
COVID-19 Ward Costs	6,797,120

Note: Cost data has been sourced from the Northern Region COVID cost tracker. Costs requested under this OIA represent a subset of data from the tracker (where costs are incurred solely for COVID, e.g. vaccination centres) and business as usual costs where costs incurred are solely for COVID patients (e.g. dedicated COVID ward). Where costs are not for solely working for COVID (e.g. security), these costs have been excluded.

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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