

23rd December 2021

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Dear [REDACTED]

Official Information Act Request for – Communications relating to the Covid Patient Transfer from Fiji

I write in response to your Official Information Act request received by us 23rd November 2021, you requested the following information:

Request all original communications from July 26 – July 31 including briefings, reports, memos, aides memoirs, cabinet papers, data and texts regarding the following information:

- **Around the transfer of the coronavirus patient from Fiji including:**
- **All communications with MFAT**
- **All communications with UN officials**
- **All communications with ARPHS declining and then accepting the transfer**
- **All communications with between MFAT, UN Officials, MOH and ARPHS with Middlemore Medical Director Stacey Wilson**
- **All communications with between MFAT, UN Officials, MOH and ARPHS with Senior Program Manager Michelle Nicholson Burr**
- **Any text messages redacted in OIA 26621 to Lobby New Zealand referenced as fy-request-16824-d6045598@requests.fyi.org.nz**

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.

CM Health received many Official Information Act requests in relation to this and the responses which were released in October 2021 are publicly available on our website and can be accessed at the following link:

- <https://www.countiesmanukau.health.nz/about-us/official-information-act-requests/publicly-released-oias/>

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Fepulea'i Margie Apa', written in a cursive style.

Fepulea'i Margie Apa
Chief Executive Officer
Counties Manukau Health