

21st February 2022



Official Information Act Request for – Lab Testing

I write in response to your Official Information Act request received by us 25th January 2022, you requested the following information:

- We would be grateful for the total number of CA-125 tests performed in your DHB in the 12-month period of 2018, 2019, 2021 (we previously requested 2020).
- Additionally, if this information is easily available, it would be helpful to understand, the total number of patients receiving the test in each period also.

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.

- We would be grateful for the total number of CA-125 tests performed in your DHB in the 12-month period of 2018, 2019, 2021 (we previously requested 2020). Additionally, if this information is easily available, it would be helpful to understand, the total number of patients receiving the test in each period also.

Please see table below for the number of Counties Manukau domiciled patients tested for CA-125 blood tests at CM Health and Lab Plus from 1st January 2018 to 31st October 2021.

Ca125 tests performed for patients domiciled in Counties DHB region				
Year	Completed by Middlemore		Completed by LabPlus	
	Total tests	Total Patients	Total tests	Total Patients
2018	511	472	2381	1867
2019	456	426	2283	1768
2020	522	493	2364	1794
2021	514	480	2190 to 31 Oct	1728 to 31 Oct

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 blue ink, appearing to read 'Peter Watson', with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Dr Peter Watson
Acting Chief Executive Officer
Counties Manukau Health