

22nd February 2022

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Official Information Act Request for – Myocarditis & Covid-19

I write in response to your Official Information Act request received by us on 28th January 2022 by way of transfer from the Ministry of Health (ref: H202117887), you requested the following information:

- **Any information you have regards number of people admitted to hospital due to Covid-19 as the primary illness, that later had a diagnosis of Myocarditis, caused by the virus**

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.

- **Any information you have regards number of people admitted to hospital due to Covid-19 as the primary illness, that later had a diagnosis of Myocarditis, caused by the virus**

We have conducted a search between 1st January 2020 to 1st February 2022 of patients who have been admitted with a diagnosis of Myocarditis. We identified one patient admission with Myocarditis and Covid-19 as their diagnosis. The Covid-19 diagnosis was the patient's primary diagnosis however the myocarditis diagnosis was during the same admission.

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 long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Dr Peter Watson
Acting Chief Executive Officer
Counties Manukau Health