

17th May 2022

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Official Information Act Request for – Remdesivir and Ventilators

I write in response to your Official Information Act request received by us 29th April 2022 by way of transfer from the Ministry of Health, you requested the following information:

- **Can I please ask if the above treatment of Remdesivir and ventilators has been or are being used as a treatment for covid patients in hospital?**

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.

- **Can I please ask if the above treatment of Remdesivir and ventilators has been or are being used as a treatment for covid patients in hospital?**

We can confirm that we have used Remdesivir and Ventilators for the treatment of COVID-19 patients in hospital. We treat every patient according to the symptoms they present with and have an individual care plan for each patient including if they have COVID-19.

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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